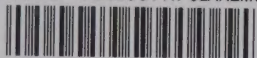


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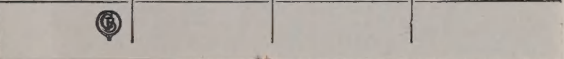
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SOUTHERN OREGON CONFERENCE

Minutes of the First Annual Session, held at Free Methodist Church, Medford, Oregon, May 8-12, 1912

OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President*

M. F. CHILDS, *Secretary*
W. E. GOODE, *Assistant Secretary*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—Wilson T. Hogue, B. F. Smalley, J. W. Sharpe.

On Nominations—B. F. Smalley, J. W. Sharpe, G. M. Rowley.

On State of the Work—B. F. Smalley, G. M. Rowley.

On Education—W. E. Goode, M. F. Childs, O. C. Lee.

On Reforms—R. H. Dollarhide, G. M. Rowley.

On Sunday-schools—M. F. Childs, H. J. Blair, George Crawford.

On Publications—J. H. Brown, H. J. Blair, I. Britson.

On Conference Missions—The stationing com-

On Complimentary Resolutions—W. E. Goode, J. F. Smith, O. C. Lee.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds to Publish the *Minutes*—J. H. Brown.

To *Examine Quarterly Conference Records*—G. M. Rowley, George Crawford.

Press Committee—W. E. Goode.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

W. E. Goode, president; M. F. Childs, secretary; B. F. Smalley.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. W. Sharpe, president; M. F. Childs, secretary; W. E. Goode, treasurer; H. J. Blair, L. E. Loomis.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Clara L. Childs, president, 777 E. Main street, Ashland, Oregon; Mrs. B. Myers, recording secretary, Medford, Oregon; Mrs. K. Cusick, corresponding secretary, Medford, Oregon; Mrs. Ashcraft, treasurer, Ashland, Oregon; Mrs. J. W. Sharpe, first vice-president, Medford, Oregon; Mrs. M. J. Blair, second vice-president, Springfield, Oregon; Mrs. Taylor, superintendent of Junior work, Roseburg, Oregon.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Reforms—M. F. Childs.

On State of the Work—B. F. Smalley.

On Sunday-schools—J. H. Brown,

On Education—W. E. Goode.

On Publications—B. F. Smalley.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions (15 cents), Entertainment of General Conference (2 cents); second quarter, Conference Missions (40 cents), Permanent Fund (5 cents); third quarter, Bishops' Salaries (18 cents), Church Extension (10 cents); fourth quarter, Conference Claimants (45 cents).

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

W. E. Goode,
B. F. Smalley,
M. F. Childs,

H. J. Blair,
J. H. Brown,
J. F. Smith.

R. H. Dollarhide,
J. W. Sharpe,

DELEGATES

G. M. Rowley,
O. C. Lee,

L. E. Loomis,
George Crawford,

Isaac Britson,
Urvilla C. Reese.

2. Who are the stationing committee? Wilson T. Hogue, B. F. Smalley, L. E. Loomis.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? John F. Smith.

10. Who are the superannuated preachers? J. H. Brown, R. H. Dollarhide.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? B. F. Smalley, an elder, from the Oregon conference; M. F. Childs, an elder, from the Illinois conference.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

16-20. See statistics.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers? J. H. Brown, \$150; R. H. Dollarhide, \$100.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At Roseburg, Oregon, as near the last Wednesday in April as will be consistent with the bishop's appointments.

APPOINTMENTS

MEDFORD DISTRICT—B. F. SMALLEY, District Elder, 337 West Tenth street, Medford, Oregon

Medford, Central Point and Griffith Creek.....J. W. Sharpe, Medford, Oregon
Eagle Point.....To be supplied
Grants Pass.....J. F. Smith, 250 West I street, Grants Pass, Oregon
Wolf Creek and Glendale.....To be supplied
Ashland.....M. F. Childs, 777 East Main street, Ashland, Oregon
Klamath Falls.....Mrs. Martha N. Brown, Klamath Falls, "

B. F. Smalley, member of Medford district quarterly conference; J. H. Brown, superannuated; W. E. Goode, evangelist and Sunday-school secretary.

ROSEBURG DISTRICT—B. F. SMALLEY, District Elder

Roseburg.....C. H. Purcell, Mrs. Lillie Purcell, supplies
Coos Bay and Marshfield.....To be supplied
Drain and Star.....To be supplied
Springfield.....J. H. Blair, Malinda J. Blair, supply, Springfield, Oregon
Marcola, Mabel and Wendling.....Lester E. Phillips, one to be supplied
R. H. Dollarhide, superannuated.

MISCELLANEOUS

The conference was organized and the first session held in the Free Methodist church at Medford, Oregon, May 8-12, 1912.

Bishop W. T. Hogue presided with his usual marked ability. His ad-

addresses to the conference will never be forgotten. Mrs. E. L. Hogue represented the publishing house and made many friends.

The W. F. M. S. held a very interesting public meeting Sunday afternoon and raised in cash and subscriptions \$104.

While this is the smallest conference in the connection in relation to numbers, the preachers all go to their work resolved that it shall not long remain the smallest.

Rev. Alexander Beers, of Seattle, Washington, cheered the conference with his presence and represented the Seattle Seminary. Over \$300 was pledged for the seminary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$21.30.

PERMANENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$7.10.

ENTERTAINMENT OF GENERAL CONFERENCE—Assessed and paid, \$2.84.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—Assessed, \$63.90; paid, \$58.05.

CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed, \$14.20; paid, \$12.90.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed, \$25.56; paid, \$23.31.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Assessed, \$42.60; paid, \$38.60.

TOTAL DEFICIT—\$13.40. Total deficit met by collection.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN OREGON CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claims	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Entertainment General Conference
Medford District Grants Pass and Murphy Medford Ashland Klamath Falls	B. F. Smalley, District Elder	16	5	21	1	1	1	4	20	4	7 20	2 88	4 80	1 00	22
	M. F. Childs	35	3	38	1	1	1	11	41	7	16 65	6 08	11 10	3 70	74
	J. W. Sharpe	22	3	25	1	1	1	4	25	4	12 15	4 76	8 00	1 70	54
	H. J. Blair	3	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 35	4 94	4 05	30	06
	J. H. Brown	3	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 35	4 94	4 05	30	06
Roseburg District Roseburg and Coos Bay Drain and Star Springfield	B. F. Smalley, District Elder	25	1	26	2	2	1	8	40	4	9 45	3 78	6 30	2 10	42
	R. H. Dollarhide	12	1	13	1	1	1	8	30	3	11 25	4 50	7 50	2 50	36
	J. F. Smith	22	1	23	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 35	4 94	4 05	30	06
	L. M. Phillips	22	1	23	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 35	4 94	4 05	30	06
	Total	133	13	146	6	6	5	35	159	23	\$ 58 05	\$ 23 12	\$ 86 00	\$ 21 30	\$ 2 84

CHARGE	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Medford District Grants Pass and Murphy Medford Ashland Klamath Falls	\$	\$	\$	\$ 25	\$	\$ 8 90	\$ 80	\$ 182 23	\$ 54 00	\$ 41 20	\$ 12 70	1	\$ 1656	1	\$ 600
	\$	\$	\$ 39 50	\$	\$	\$ 38 58	\$ 1 85	\$ 524 45	\$ 90 00	\$ 90 00	\$ 53 00	1	\$ 1200	1	\$ 2000
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 1 35	\$ 270 75	\$ 144 00	\$ 80 00	\$ 50 00	1	\$ 2000	1	\$ 2000
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 15	\$ 34 85	\$	\$ 6 00	\$	1	\$	1	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	1	\$ 1000	1	\$
Roseburg District Roseburg and Coos Bay Drain and Star Springfield	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 17 70	\$ 1 05	\$ 147 80	\$	\$ 65 20	\$	1	\$	1	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 25 00	\$ 1 25	\$ 150 00	\$ 60 00	\$ 53 95	\$	1	\$ 1200	1	\$ 800
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	1	\$	1	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	1	\$	1	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	1	\$ 7050	4	\$ 5400
Total	\$	\$	\$ 39 50	\$ 25	\$	\$ 90 18	\$ 7 10	\$ 1460 45	\$ 318 00	\$ 340 45	\$ 115 70	5	\$	4	\$

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Seventeenth Annual Session, held at the
Free Methodist Church, Everett, Washington, April
16-21, 1912

OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President*

A. H. STILWELL, *Secretary* A. BEERS, *Transportation Secretary*
W. W. DEXTER, *Assistant Secretary* B. H. ALBERTS, *Treasurer*
W. A. CUMMINGS, *Statistical Secretary* O. A. BURNS, *Auditor*
W. W. CATHEY, *Sunday-school Secretary*

COMMITTEES

- On Nominations*—J. D. Marsh, B. H. Alberts, A. Beers, C. W. Slack, R. M. Reed.
On Public Worship—W. T. Hogue, J. D. Marsh, B. H. Alberts, M. C. Clarke.
On Education—A. Beers, J. M. Robb, V. D. Poole, Arthur E. Warren.
On Reforms—W. Virgo, J. D. Marsh, R. M. Reed, Mrs. A. G. Callicotte, Mrs. Alida Jones.
On Sunday-schools—W. W. Cathey, F. H. Church, J. F. Ashton, A. P. Halliday.
On Prohibition—P. H. Griggs, C. E. McReynolds, Daniel Neeley, F. W. Cathey.
On Publications—C. S. McKinley, A. N. West, Charles M. Morgan.
On Examination of Quarterly Conference Records—O. A. Burns, W. W. Dexter, G. W. Escher.
On Publishing Minutes—The secretaries.
On State of the Work—The district elders.
To Nominate Trustees for Seattle Seminary—J. D. Marsh, A. Beers, A. N. West.
To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—C. M. Morgan.
To Visit Seattle Seminary—A. N. West, A. Youngren, C. S. McKinley.
On Home Missions—T. H. Marsh, C. M. DeFoe, C. E. McReynolds, J. L. Phillips, M. C. Clarke.
On Claims and Claimants—W. T. Hogue, J. D. Marsh, B. H. Alberts, C. W. Slack, J. L. Brady.
Press Committee—A. Beers, W. A. Cummings.
On Complimentary Resolutions—W. F. Matthewson, T. H. Marsh.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

T. H. Marsh, president; C. W. Slack, secretary; B. H. Alberts, treasurer; A. Beers, H. D. Kindig.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

O. A. Burns, president; T. H. Marsh, secretary; preliminary, O. A. Burns; first year, T. H. Marsh; second year, A. N. West; third year, C. S. McKinley; fourth year, B. H. Alberts.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Home Missions (30 cents), General Missions (15 cents); second quarter, Bishops' Salaries (18 cents); third quarter, Conference Claimants (45 cents), Permanent Fund (5 cents); fourth quarter, Church

Extension (10 cents), General Conference Entertainment Fund (2 cents). Total, \$1.25.

APPROPRIATION OF HOME MISSIONARY MONEY FOR NEXT YEAR

1. From Conference Missions Fund: Blaine, \$25; Bellingham and Alki, \$25; Sedro-Woolley and Prairie, \$50; Edmonds, \$25; Grand View, \$25; Yelm and Tumwater, \$50; Sunnydale, \$25; Whidby Island, \$25.
2. From Special Fund: To district elder of Tacoma and Yakima districts, \$200; to R. M. Whitcomb, \$100; to W. W. Dexter, \$50; to W. S. Osborn, \$50.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REQUESTS FOR APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD

To Blaine, \$25; Bellingham and Alki, \$25; Sedro-Woolley and Prairie, \$50; Edmonds, \$25; Grand View, \$50; North Yakima, \$25; Hillman City, \$25; Sunnydale, \$50.

TRUSTEES OF SEATTLE SEMINARY FOR THREE YEARS

B. F. Smalley, B. H. Alberts, Thomas Heath.

FREE METHODIST PREACHERS' AID ASSOCIATION—WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

A. H. Stilwell, president, 401 West Dravus street, Seattle, Washington; W. W. Dexter, secretary and treasurer, Sedro-Woolley, Washington.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—A. H. Stilwell,
On Prohibition—B. H. Alberts,
On Sunday-schools—O. F. DeFoe,
On Education—O. A. Burns,

On Reforms—W. F. Matthewson,
On State of the Work—The district
 elders,
On Complimentary Resolutions—L. W.
 Steele.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

J. D. Marsh, president; O. A. Burns, secretary; B. H. Alberts, treasurer; C. E. McReynolds, A. N. West, C. W. Slack, J. Burrows, A. Beers, C. L. Foster.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. M. L. Stilwell, 401 West Dravus street, Seattle, Washington; first vice-president, Mrs. Adelaide L. Beers, Station F, Seattle, Washington; second vice-president, Mrs. Anna G. Callicotte, Yelm, Washington; recording secretary, Miss Mary A. Burrows, Station F, Seattle, Washington; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Lenna F. Burns, Station F, Seattle, Washington; treasurer, Mrs. Maggie Burrows, Green Lake Station, Seattle, Washington; superintendent of Junior work, Mrs. R. D. Hill, Station F, Seattle, Washington; superintendent of distribution of tracts, Mrs. Viola Escher, Grand View, Washington.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

C. E. McReynolds,
 A. Beers,
 G. R. Stamp,
 B. H. Alberts,
 L. W. Steele,
 J. L. Phillips.

J. D. Marsh,
 A. H. Stilwell,
 P. H. Griggs,
 A. N. West,
 C. S. McKinley,
 O. F. DeFoe,

T. H. Marsh,
 C. M. DeFoe,
 J. Eva,
 F. H. Church,
 W. W. Dexter,
 G. W. Escher,

PREACHERS—Continued

M. C. Clarke,	W. A. Cummings,	V. D. Poole,
A. Youngren,	O. A. Burns,	F. Millican,
W. Virgo,	E. H. Harmer,	R. M. Whitcomb,
F. W. Cathey,	W. F. Matthewson,	Arthur E. Warren,

DELEGATES

C. W. Slack,	R. M. Reid,	Miss Florence Northrup,
J. H. Harvey,	Mrs. Chester Wells,	Mrs. Mary Thomas,
Mrs. Pearl DeLong,	E. A. DeFoe,	Mrs. Anna G. Callicotte,
Mrs. Sarah E. Grubb,	Daniel Neely,	G. M. Rainsberger,
J. L. Brady,	Mrs. Alida Jones,	Mary Langrill,
Charles M. Morgan,	A. P. Halliday,	Mrs. Flora Allen,
J. M. Robb,	Mrs. M. E. Hays,	G. F. Bliss,
J. F. Ashton,	Mrs. M. S. Collins,	Mrs. N. C. Nelson.

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. T. Hogue, J. D. Marsh, B. H. Alberts, C. W. Slack, J. L. Brady.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? E. A. Haslam, M. E. Callicotte, E. L. Porter, George D. Schlosser.
4. Who remain on trial? C. L. Crook, D. M. Higbee.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.
6. Who are the deacons? Frank Millican, E. H. Harmer.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? W. Virgo.
8. Who have located this year? None.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? G. R. Stamp, W. A. Cummings.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? James Eva, P. H. Griggs, F. W. Cathey.
11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? W. F. Matthewson, from the Ohio conference; Arthur E. Warren, from the East Michigan conference; R. M. Whitcomb, from the California conference; D. M. Higbee, from the Oregon conference.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? S. L. Boddy, G. Edwards.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? R. E. Nichols, to the Oregon conference; R. H. Clark, to the Oregon conference; J. E. Cochrane, to the Southern California conference.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.
15. Who have died this year? None.
- 16-20. See statistical tables.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? J. Eva, \$130; F. W. Cathey, \$150; P. H. Griggs, \$150; Martha Ely and children, \$100; Ruth Boddy, \$40.
23. See treasurer's report.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where, and when, shall the next session of our conference be held? At the Second Free Methodist church, Seattle, Washington, as near the second Tuesday in April as is consistent with the plans of the bishops.

MISCELLANEOUS

The conference was royally entertained by the pilgrims and friends at Everett. Bishop Hogue has visited the Coast three times and each time has presided over the conference at Everett. He mentioned this fact and stated he was perfectly satisfied with the arrangement.

The conference gave Bishop Hogue a hearty greeting. Many members here have known him for years, and were greatly rejoiced to see him enjoying so goodly a degree of health and able to perform his duties so efficiently.

A growth of about ten per cent in membership was reported by the ministers.

An enthusiastic meeting in the interests of Seattle Seminary was held Thursday evening, and a subscription of over \$1,000 was taken for the institution.

A most enjoyable feature of one sitting was the introduction of Rev. S. L. Helm to the conference. His remarks were attended with much unction and blessing. Inasmuch as he has been greatly afflicted for several years, the conference took an offering of \$50 to purchase for Brother Helm a substantial and comfortable invalid chair.

The meetings of the W. F. M. S. were occasions of much interest. Progress, efficiency and faith are the watchwords for the coming year. Rev. R. M. Whitcomb, a brother beloved in the Lord, brought before the conference the interests of the work in Alaska, and the committees made liberal appropriations to assist him in establishing the work in that section.

The reports of the various committees clearly showed that the Washington conference is still contending for the faith once delivered to the saints and opposed to the removal of the ancient landmarks which our fathers have set.

APPOINTMENTS

PUGET SOUND DISTRICT—J. D. MARSH, District Elder, 352 West Bertona street, Seattle, Washington

Seattle (Second Church).....	C. E. McReynolds,	
.....	3210 Third avenue, W., Seattle,	Washington
Seattle (Green Lake).....	T. H. Marsh, 6916 Weedin Place,	Seattle, "
Seattle (Ballard).....	B. H. Alberts, 1428 W. 63rd street,	Seattle, "
Edmonds.....	E. A. Haslam, Station F, Seattle,	"
Arlington.....	J. L. Phillips, Arlington,	"
Snohomish.....	L. W. Steele, Snohomish,	"
Getchell.....	N. C. Nelson, supply, Getchell,	"
Bellingham and Alki.....	F. D. Helm, supply, Bellingham,	"
Everett.....	M. C. Clarke, 2006 Pacific avenue,	Everett, "
Mt. Vernon and Big Lake.....	.....	To be supplied
Burlington.....	O. F. DeFoe, Burlington,	Washington
Blaine and Woodland.....	E. L. Porter, Blaine,	"
Sedro-Woolley and Prairie.....	W. W. Dexter, Sedro-woolley,	"
New Westminster and Central Park.....	C. S. McKinley,	
.....	805 Kennedy street, New Westminster,	B. C.
Wenatchee.....	Mrs. M. S. Collins, supply, Wenatchee,	Washington
Southern Alaska Mission.....	R. M. Whitcomb,	
.....	Mrs. Lillie M. Whitcomb, supply, Juneau,	Alaska
Douglas Island.....	W. S. Osborn, supply,	
.....	Mrs. Mary J. Osborn, supply, Skagway,	Alaska

A. Beers, principal of Seattle Seminary, 3209 Third avenue, West, Seattle, Washington; A. H. Stilwell, associate principal of Seattle Seminary, 401 West Dravus street, Seattle, Washington; O. A. Burns, teacher in Seattle Seminary, 335 Nickerson avenue, Seattle, Washington; G. R. Stamp, supernumerary; Frank Millican, missionary to China; P. H. Griggs, superannuated, Bellingham, Washington; F. W. Cathey, superannuated, 31 West Etruria street, Seattle, Washington; D. M. Higbee, left without an appointment to attend school at Seattle Seminary, Station F, Seattle, Washington; James Eva, superannuated, 63 West Dravus street, Seattle, Washington.

TACOMA DISTRICT—A. N. West, District Elder, 1312 South I street, Tacoma, Washington

Tacoma.....	C. M. DeFoe, 1311 South I street, Tacoma, Washington	
Centralia.....	W. F. Matthewson, Centralia,	"
Ashford and Morton.....	J. L. Brady, supply, Ashford,	"
Buckley, Kelly schoolhouse and Orting.....	W. Virgo,	"
.....	316 Nickerson avenue, Seattle,	"
Sunnydale and South Park.....	V. D. Poole, Sunnydale,	"
Seattle (Hillman City).....	F. H. Church, 5609 46th avenue, Seattle,	"
Whidby Island.....	In charge of district elder. A. B.	
.....	Elliott, supply, Clinton,	"
Yelm and Tumwater.....	M. E. Callicotte,	"
.....	Mrs. Anna G. Callicotte, supply, Yelm,	"

W. A. Cummings, supernumerary; A. N. West, member of the Tacoma district quarterly conference.

YAKIMA DISTRICT—A. N. West, District Elder

Cle Elum and Roslyn.....	In charge of district elder.	
.....	Miss Minnie Stevens, supply, Roslyn, Washington	
Grand View.....	G. W. Escher, Grand View,	"
Sunnyside.....	Arthur E. Warren, Sunnyside,	"
North Yakima.....	E. H. Harmer, North Yakima,	"

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mollie F. Crackel, Buckley, Washing- ton	Miss Lillian Pickens, 2006 Pacific ave- nue, Everett, Washington
Mrs. L. V. Escher, Grand View, Wash- ington	Mrs. H. A. Lewis, Calley Building, Everett, Washington
Mrs. M. S. Collins, Wenatchee, Wash- ington	Mrs. D. H. Snyder, 3506 Broadway, Everett, Washington
Mrs. E. H. Clarke, 2006 Pacific avenue, Everett, Washington	Mrs. Jane Pillman, 3206 Lombard ave- nue, Everett, Washington
Mary E. Funk, Snohomish, Washington	

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Mrs. Adelaide Beers, Station F. Seat- tle, Washington	Mrs. Minnie E. Bardell, 3027 4th ave- nue, West, Seattle, Washington
Mrs. Eva E. Alberts, 609 Nickerson avenue, Seattle, Washington	Mrs. Mary E. Dutton, 54 West Dra- vus street, Seattle, Washington
Mrs. Lizzie M. Church, 5609 46th ave- nue, Seattle, Washington	Mrs. Edith Dexter, 1428 West 63rd street, Seattle, Washington
Mrs. Minerva, Wheelon, Sunnyside, Washington	Mr. Floyd Ray, Green Lake Station, Seattle, Washington
Mrs. Floyd Ray, Green Lake Station, Seattle, Washington	

LOCAL PREACHERS

A. K. Anderson, Edmonds, Washing- ton	E. E. Carbaugh, Centralia, Washing- ton
G. W. Wheelon, Sunnyside, Washing- ton	Ralph Phillips, Snohomish, Washing- ton
C. H. Witteman, 153 West Bertona street, Seattle, Washington	H. D. Kindig, University Station, Se- attle, Washington
James Barringer, Big Lake, Washing- ton	A. H. Coder.....Seattle, Washington
N. C. Mower.....Blaine, Washington	Fred K. Batchelor, Pinehurst, Wash- ington

LOCAL PREACHERS—Continued

R. S. Goldman....Everett, Washington	W. E. Bardell, 3027 Fourth avenue, West, Seattle, Washington
L. V. Fear.....Centralia, "	G. C. Slayton, Mt. Vernon, Washing- ton
S. C. Helm	Frank S. Fosket, Sunnyside, Washing- ton
R. M. Reid.....Edmonds, "	
J. L. Brady.....Ashford, "	
J. H. Palmer...Centralia, "	
Charles M. Morgan, 7748 Sunnyside avenue, Seattle, Washington	J. S. Fear.....Centralia, Washington
A. C. Crackel.....Buckley, "	N. E. Hough..Snohomish, " Grant Hamilton, Snohomish, Washing- ton

CONFERENCE ROLL OF PREACHERS

Year of Admission into Full Connection	Name	Year of Admission into Full Connection	Name
1880.....	J. D. Marsh	1898.....	C. S. McKinley
1882.....	C. E. McReynolds	1900.....	W. W. Dexter
1883.....	A. H. Stilwell	1900.....	J. L. Phillips
1884.....	T. H. Marsh	1900.....	O. F. DeFoe
1886.....	C. M. DeFoe	1900.....	Arthur E. Warren
1887.....	F. W. Cathey	1904.....	G. W. Escher
1889.....	A. Beers	1905.....	M. C. Clarke
1889.....	G. R. Stamp	1906.....	W. A. Cummings
1889.....	P. H. Griggs	1907.....	V. D. Poole
1894.....	J. Eva	1907.....	A. Youngren
1895.....	B. H. Alberts	1908.....	O. A. Burns
1895.....	A. N. West	1909.....	F. Millican
1896.....	F. H. Church	1910.....	W. Virgo
1897.....	L. W. Steele	1911.....	E. H. Harmer
1897.....	W. F. Matthewson	1911.....	R. M. Whitcomb

SUNDAY-SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

Names and Addresses

PUGET SOUND DISTRICT—W. E. Bardell, 3027 Fourth avenue, West, Seattle, Washington.
Charles Morgan, 7746 Sunnyside avenue, Green Lake, Washington.
Fred E. Meacham, Box 37, R. F. D. 2, Seattle, Washington.
J. M. Robb, 16th and Rusher streets, Everett, Washington.
Mrs. S. L. Boddy, Sedro-Woolley, Washington.
Mrs. C. Wells, Arlington, Washington.
Thad Squires, Wood Creek, Washington.
A. D. Frets, Mt. Vernon, Washington.
M. R. Morley, Burlington, Washington.
Mrs. Carrie Wickland, Edmonds, Washington.
Mrs. Mary E. Funk, R. F. D. 2, Everett, Washington.
A. P. Halliday, 416 Sixth street, New Westminster, B. C.
Mrs. Maud Herrin, Blaine, Washington.
TACOMA DISTRICT—F. H. Ashton, Box 436, Tacoma, Washington.
Mrs. E. Minshall.
Frank DeLong, Hillman City, Seattle, Washington.
John Morrasch, Sunnydale, Washington.

J. E. Reynolds, Buckley, Washington.
 Mrs. Alida Jones, Centralia, Washington.
 Mabel Metcalf, Clinton, Washington.
 Mrs. A. G. Callicotte, Yelm, Washington.
 Mrs. Walters.

YAKIMA DISTRICT—Emma Minkler, Sunnyside, Washington.
 Mrs. Anna Bradish, 51 South Tenth street, North Yakima,
 Washington.
 William Gallaher, Roslyn, Washington.
 Henry Bridge, Cle Elum, Washington.
 Ellis A. Wallace, R. F. D. 2, Mabton, Washington.
 W. W. Cathey, conference Sunday-school secretary, 57 West
 Etruria street, Seattle, Washington.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Due general treasurer on regular claims.....	\$ 865.45
Due from home missions.....	273.30
Surplus from circuits.....	15.00
Children's fund	10.43
Educational fund.....	10.65
Foreign missions	25.37
Balance in treasurer's hand after incorporating conference.....	9.50
For the annual conference minutes.....	36.85

\$1,246.55

Disbursed as follows:

Paid to Thomas Sully.....	\$ 808.75
Mrs Martha E. Ely.....	100.00
Mrs. Ruth Boddy.....	40.00
Sunnydale circuit	25.00
North Yakima	25.00
Whidby Island	17.00
Hillman City.....	25.00
District elder Tacoma and Yakima districts.....	100.00
Conference treasurer for 1910 and 1911.....	18.80
Cle Elum	25.00
Edmonds	25.00
V. D. Poole, at conference to move.....	27.50
Balance in treasury from incorporation fund.....	9.50

\$1,246.55

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PREACHER															Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claims	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Entertainment General Conference																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																												
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STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Mission- ary Claim	Woman's For- eign Missionary Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evan-gelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
Puget Sound District															
Seattle, Second Church.....							\$ 10 45	\$ 928 52	\$ 240 00	\$ 240 00	\$ 15 00	1	\$ 12000	1	\$ 3000
Green Lake.....						96 11	2 10	561 50	144 00	140 00	100 00			1	3000
Ballard.....						40 00		173 90	84 00	23 80				1	2000
Edmonds.....						48 51	95	506 20	84 00	34 87	12 50			1	1200
Arlington.....					6 00	38 12	8 04	671 00	120 00	100 00	42 00			1	800
Snohomish and Wood Creek.....						20 43	3 85			14 55				1	800
Bellingham and Elbonetta.....							3 80	826 50	216 00	112 80				1	1500
Everett.....						115 20	2 00	700 00	144 00	100 00	43 45			2	1800
Mt. Vernon, Burlington, Big Lake							96	262 00		46 50				1	800
Sedro Woolley, Prairie, Clear Lake							1 70	972 06	240 00	82 00	187 55			1	2000
New Westminster, Central Park.....						135 50	35			58 52	106 42			1	500
Wenatchee.....						33 94		418 00	60 00	56 00	34 15			1	
Blaine and Woodland.....						52 50	42			24 91					
Getchell.....															
Juneau, Alaska.....															
Tacoma District															
Tacoma.....	13 26	99 44				65 60	2 90	602 04	180 00	102 86	105 52	2	3250	1	2500
Centralia.....		97 00				49 20	1 90	514 69	96 00	70 65		1	1500	1	600
Ashford.....		13 75				57 50	1 40	615 65	75 00	47 11	35 50	1	1175	1	1000
Buckley, Kelly S. H., Orting						37 50	50	312 85		32 00	11 00	1	1000	1	500
Sunnyside and South Park.....		9 65			3 50			270 21	150 00	32 20		1	2000	1	2000
Hillman.....		34 00				18 78		24 31	25 00	29 95	8 35	1	600	1	150
Whidby Island.....		64 25				23 34	50	164 46							
Yelm.....	30 00	6 65													
Yakima District															
Cle Elum and Roslyn.....	8 78					67 37	55	380 12	84 00	42 40	20 60	2	1200	2	1600
Grand View.....		34 30			1 50	40 80	1 20	278 00	120 00	57 15		1	1500	1	1200
Sunnyside.....		50 00				39 50	1	700 00	125 00	70 00	45 00	1	2000	1	850
North Yakima.....		7 75			1 05	32 00	55	306 20	84 00	47 10	41 85	1	1500	1	800
Total.....	\$197 68	\$ 2489 44	\$ 20 65	\$ 20 13	\$1826 85	\$38 08	\$11299 69	\$2187 00	\$1733 72	\$ 836 29	\$ 26	\$ 56625 23	\$ 26400		

OREGON CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Seventeenth Annual Session, held at Central Church, Portland, Oregon, May 1-5, 1912

OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President*

H. E. KREIDER, *Secretary*

W. H. BODDY, *Assistant Secretary*

H. V. HASLAM, *Treasurer*

CYRUS COOK, *Sunday-school Secretary*

R. H. CLARK, Auditor

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—Wilson T. Hogue, W. N. Coffee, B. F. Smalley, W. H. Boddy.

On Education—W. N. Coffee, Cyrus Cook, G. W. Bondurant.

On Publications—E. L. Smith, M. M. Harvey, J. A. Hopper.

On Sunday-schools—W. J. Johnston, Clara Cooley, Cyrus Cook.

On Reforms—J. F. Lewis, William Barrett, W. F. Randall.

On State of the Work—W. N. Coffee, B. F. Smalley.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—D. W. Cook, Ira F. Ward, E. A. Sayre.

On Home Missions—The stationing committee.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—E. D. Blackman, J. H. Bowerman.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Complimentary Resolutions—R. H. Clark, D. M. Cathey.

On Claims and Claims—Wilson T. Hogue, W. N. Coffee, B. F. Smalley, Sidney Scott, E. N. Soule.

On Aggressive Sunday-school Work—Cyrus Cook, W. N. Coffee, B. F. Smalley, W. J. Johnston, D. M. Cathey.

On Nominations—H. V. Haslam, J. F. Leise, R. H. Clark.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—H. V. Haslam.

On Reforms—W. H. Boddy.

On Education—R. H. Clark.

On Sunday-schools—Cyrus Cook.

On State of the Work—W. N. Coffee.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

W. N. Coffee, president, one year; *B. F. Smalley, two years; W. J. Johnston, secretary, three years.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

W. N. Coffee, president; D. M. Cathey, secretary; W. J. Johnston, treasurer;
E. N. Soule, *B. F. Smalley.

BOARD TO DISBURSE THE EVANGELISTIC FUND

W. N. Coffee, R. H. Clark, G. W. Bondurant, Sidney Scott, W. H. Boddy.

*Near the close of the conference, B. F. Smalley asked for a certificate of transfer which was given and the election of some one else in his place on these committees was overlooked.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions, Expense of Entertaining the General Conference; second quarter, Conference Missions (40 cents), Permanent Fund; third quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Church Extension; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants.

OFFICERS OF THE FREE METHODIST MINISTERS' MUTUAL AID SOCIETY

W. N. Coffee, president, 225 East 55th street, North, Portland, Oregon; H. E. Kreider, secretary, R. F. D. No. 1, Clackamas, Oregon; W. J. Johnston, treasurer, 333 East Ninth street, Portland, Oregon.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Mary F. Coffee, president, 225 East 55th street, North, Portland, Oregon; Mrs. Charlotte Johnston, first vice-president, 333 East Ninth street, Portland, Oregon; Mrs. Lizzie Buzan, second vice-president, Maupin, Oregon; Mrs. Bertha M. Blair, corresponding secretary, 3320 East 51st street, South, Portland, Oregon; Mrs. Grace Dubois, treasurer, 1481 East Everett street, Portland, Oregon; Mrs. Hattie Wrage, recording secretary, 1074 East Morrison street, Portland, Oregon; Mrs. H. V. Haslam, superintendent of Junior work, St. Johns, Oregon.

CONFERENCE SUNDAY-SCHOOL SECRETARY

Cyrus Cook, 1911 North Sixth street, Salem, Oregon.

CONFERENCE TREASURER

H. V. Haslam, St. Johns, Oregon.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

W. Barrett,
B. L. Knoll,
D. W. Cook,
Ira F. Ward,
B. F. Smalley,
J. F. Leise,
W. N. Coffee,
G. W. Bondurant,
*J. W. Sharpe,
H. A. Walter,
R. E. Nichols,
A. S. Wright,
O. N. Blair.

E. D. Blackman,
Cyrus Cook,
W. J. Bowerman,
*H. J. Blair,
H. V. Haslam,
J. N. Wood,
J. A. Hopper,
J. F. Lewis,
B. C. Dewey,
F. D. Helm,
R. H. Clark,
*W. E. Goode,

E. L. Smith,
J. D. Cook,
E. I. Harrington,
*R. H. Dollarhide,
S. G. Roper,
N. Welter,
W. J. Johnston,
*J. F. Smith,
E. W. Hillis,
H. E. Kreider,
W. H. Boddy,
*J. H. Brown,

DELEGATES

W. F. Randall,
C. H. Stoll,
J. H. Bowerman,
Clara Cooley,
E. A. Sayre,

D. M. Cathey,
Rose Doring,
M. M. Harvey,
William Siscoel,
E. N. Soule,

Olive Lewis,
Sidney Scott,
Hattie Jones,
Alva V. Urie,
Frances Peck.

* The conference having been divided, these preachers become members of the Southern Oregon Conference.

2. Who are the stationing committee? Wilson T. Hogue, W. N. Coffee, B. F. Smalley, Sidney Scott, E. N. Soule.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? E. W. Hight, C. H. Carlson.
4. Who remain on trial? S. F. Pitts, F. W. Oliver, C. G. Shaw.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? A. S. Wright.
6. Who are the deacons? B. C. Dewey, E. W. Hillis, F. D. Helm, H. A. Walter, R. E. Nichols, A. S. Wright.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.
8. Who have located this year? None.
9. Who are the supernumery preachers? W. J. Bowerman, B. L. Knoll, N. Welter, G. W. Bondurant, J. F. Leise.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? J. D. Cook, Cyrus Cook, E. L. Smith, W. Barrett, R. H. Clark.
11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? R. H. Clark, an elder, from the Washington conference; W. H. Boddy, an elder, from the Columbia River conference; R. E. Nichols, a deacon, from the Washington conference.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? B. F. Smalley, O. N. Blair, to the Southern Oregon conference.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.
15. Who have died this year? None.
- 16-20. See statistics.
21. What amount is necessary for superannuated preachers? Cyrus Cook, \$150; E. L. Smith, \$150; J. D. Cook, \$100; W. Barrett, \$25.
23. See treasurer's report.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At Salem, Oregon, as near the first of June, 1913, as will suit the convenience of the bishops.

APPOINTMENTS

PORTLAND DISTRICT—W. N. COFFEE, District Elder, 225 East 55th street, North, Portland, Oregon.

Portland, First Church...W. J. Johnston, 333 East Ninth street, Portland, Oregon
 Portland, Second Church and Bethany.....H. V. Haslam, St. Johns, "
 Portland, Central Church
W. H. Boddy, 1460 East Flanders street, Portland, "
 Portland, City Mission....E. D. Blackman, 49 East 7th street, Portland, "
 HoultonR. E. Nichols, Houlton, "
 Gresham and Estacada.....E. W. Hight, Gresham, "
 Damascus and Sunnyside....H. E. Kreider, R. F. D. No. 1, Clackamas, "
 Forest Grove, Hillsboro and Dilley.....
S. H. Upton, Supply, Forest Grove, "
 Newberg.....E. I. Harrington, Newberg, "
 Woodburn and Hubbard.....J. N. Wood, Woodburn, "
 Mulino and Blue Hill Schoolhouse.....C. H. Carlson, Mulino, "
 BeaverTo be supplied

B. C. Dewey, evangelist, Lents, Oregon; J. A. Hopper, evangelist, Gresham, Oregon; W. J. Bowerman, supernumery, R. F. D. No. 1, Clackamas, Oregon; G. W. Bondurant, supernumery, Hillsboro, Oregon; J. F. Leise, supernumery, Forest Grove, Oregon; B. L. Knoll, supernumery, Dundee, Oregon; N. Welter, supernumery, Newberg, Oregon; R. H. Clark, superannuated, 1400 East Irving street, Portland, Oregon; J. D. Cook, superannuated, Newberg, Oregon; E. L. Smith, superannuated, 1500 East Flanders street, Portland, Oregon; W. Barrett, superannuated, Arleta, Oregon; S. F. Pitts, left without appointment.

Gresham, Oregon; W. N. Coffee, member of the Portland district quarterly conference.

THE DALLES DISTRICT—W. N. COFFEE, District Elder.

The DallesTo be supplied
 White River, Juniper Flats and Maupin.....H. A. Walter, Maupin, Oregon
 Madras and Culver Junction.....E. W. Hillis, Madras, "
 Ira F. Ward, evangelist, The Dalles, Oregon.

SALEM DISTRICT—W. N. COFFEE, District Elder.

Salem and Aumsville....J. F. Lewis, 1228 North Winter street, Salem, Oregon
 Falls City.....D. W. Cook, Falls City, "
 AlbanyF. W. Oliver, Albany, "
 PeoriaTo be supplied
 Waterloo and Lebanon.....To be supplied
 Lacombe.....A. S. Wright, Lacombe, Oregon

S. G. Roper, evangelist, Salem, Oregon; Cyrus Cook, superannuated, 1911 North Sixth street, Salem, Oregon; F. D. Helm, supplying work in the Washington conference; B. F. Smalley, transferred to the southern Oregon conference; O. N. Blair, transferred to the Southern Oregon conference; D. M. Higbee, transferred to the Washington conference; C. G. Shaw, left without appointment.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Mary F. Coffee, 225 East 55th Mrs. Charlotte Johnston, 333 East
 street, North, Portland, Oregon Ninth street, Portland, Oregon
 Mrs. Bertha M. Blair, 3320 East 51st street, South, Portland, Oregon.

LOCAL ELDERS

J. G. Tunison....Tygh Valley, Oregon J. W. Eldridge.....Sherwood, Oregon
 C. H. Percell.....Roseburg, Oregon

LOCAL DEACONS

E. A. Sayre.....Falls City, Oregon W. G. McLaren, 22 North Front street,
 J. W. Adams.....Hillsboro, " Portland, Oregon.
 D. M. Cathey, R. F. D. No. 3, Gresham, E. M. Mortimer, 175 East 58th street,
 Oregon. North, Portland, Oregon.
 Marion Edee.....Nehalem, Oregon.

LOCAL PREACHERS

H. L. Andrus.....Madras, Oregon C. L. Thayer, 6203 27th avenue, South-
 W. H. Aldridge.....Maupin, " east, Portland, Oregon.
 W. E. Preston.....Portland, " Hoy Pouley, R. F. D. No. 1, Holbrook,
 Henry NelsonNewberg, " Oregon.
 T. O. Allison.....Sandy, " Louis Skuzie.....Seattle, Washington
 W. H. Kaltrider.....Shedd, " J. E. Murphy, 1448 East Glisan street,
 John Turnidge.....Lacombe, " Portland, Oregon.
 Frank Sigsbee.....Hillsboro, " Sidney Scott, 208 East 52nd street,
 James Sigler.....Hillsboro, " North, Portland, Oregon.
 R. E. Staines.....Woodburn, Oregon

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Lizzie Carlson.....Mulino, Oregon Lillie Purcell.....Roseburg, Oregon
 Edith Graves.....Newberg, " Martha Mortimer, 175 East 58th street,
 Mollie Dewey.....Lents, " North, Portland, Oregon.

MISCELLANEOUS

The seventeenth annual session was held in the Central Free Methodist church, 55th and East Flanders streets, Portland, Oregon, May 1-5, 1912. Six harmonious and pleasant sittings were held. Bishop Wilson T. Hogue presided over the conference sittings to the entire satisfaction of all. We are devoutly thankful to the Lord for sparing him and so restoring him to his former condition as to make his presence possible. We appreciate having the interests of the publishing house represented, and consider Mrs. E. L. Hogue an able representative.

W. N. Coffee, W. H. Boddy and D. M. Cathey were elected delegates to the World's Christian Citizenship conference to be held in Portland, Oregon, June 29-July 6, 1913.

A very interesting and deeply spiritual missionary meeting was held Sunday afternoon in which several returned missionaries took part. Just before the missionary meeting Marion Edee and W. G. MacLaren were ordained local deacons, and A. S. Wright of the traveling preachers was also ordained deacon.

The cash on hand for conference missions was apportioned as follows: A. S. Wright, \$10; H. A. Walter, \$31.90; E. W. Hillis, \$31.90.

It was recommended that from the amount raised during the coming year for conference missions, the following appropriations be made: Lacombe, \$50; White River, \$50; Madras, \$50.

The General Missionary Board was asked for the following appropriations: White River, \$50; Madras, \$50; Lacombe, \$50.

The pastor, W. H. Boddy, and the local society, were abundant in labors, providing well for all members of the conference and visitors.

TREASURER'S REPORT

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$285.30.

BISHOP'S SALARIES—Apportioned and paid, \$88.56.

GENERAL MISSIONS—Apportioned and paid, \$73.80.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$49.20.

PERMANENT FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$24.60.

GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$9.84.

CONFERENCE MISSION FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$147.60.

CHILDREN'S FUND—\$12.50.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—\$4.75.

EDUCATIONAL FUND—\$3.16.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON THE STATE OF THE WORK

As a whole we have reason to be encouraged. Our people hold to the principles of Methodism and especially to those issues which have made us Free Methodists. We are recognizing our responsibility as to education, foreign and home missions as well as in the matter of Sunday-school work, and are fairly active in these fields. We adhere closely to the great doctrine of Methodism, entire sanctification.

Our camp-meetings, district quarterly meetings and all other general gath-

erings are characterized by the manifest presence of God; and our class and prayer-meetings are well attended. Our workers are, generally speaking, consecrated, patient and faithful and disclose a creditable degree of efficiency. The finances upon the circuits evince a healthful state in responding to the calls from the various departments of the church. We have a very much better foothold in the state than we had a few years ago; and yet this should only serve as a base of operations. A spirit of unity pervades the ranks of the workers, which bids fair for the future success of our efforts as a people.

Since we last met in annual session our conference has been divided and our statistics as they will appear must necessarily be considered as also divided.

The number of members reported last year was 706, the number of ministers having a seat in the conference, 33; the number of circuits having a stationed preacher, 25; supernumerary preachers, 4; superannuates, 5; and probationers in the conference, 5. Upon dividing the conference we find ourselves somewhat depleted.

The territory of the Oregon conference as it now stands comprises twelve counties west of the Cascade range of mountains and five and one-half counties east of it—a field about 210 miles long and 120 miles wide—giving us an area of 25,200 square miles with a population of 465,206.

If we consider that in all this territory we have but seventeen circuits it will be seen, that we have barely entered upon the task of occupying the field. In five of these counties we have no organization whatever. In six of them we have but one society each. Three of them have four societies each, one has three societies and one has six societies.

There are 126 towns, with a population ranging from 100 to 500, sixteen towns with a population of from 500 to 1,000, and seventeen with a population over 1,000, in which we have no work. These statistics give us some idea of the diminutive size of our denomination and idea of the magnitude of the work before us. But let us not be discouraged, for though we are but a missionary church "we be able" by the help of the Lord to go up and possess the land, to lengthen our ropes and strengthen our stakes and enlarge our borders.

In riding with a Mormon missionary president recently, we learned that he had one hundred and fifty men under him in the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and California, and that they are getting land and colonizing and building in such proportions as to secure recognition and concessions from the railroad companies, and they consider themselves as pioneer missionaries only. We have not passed the pioneer missionary stage as yet and we have not lost the hardihood of the pioneer. But we need to catch the spirit of aggressiveness to a larger degree and occupy new territory and more thoroughly organize and systematize our working forces. We need to catch the spirit of patriotism for the kingdom of Christ like that of the Crusades under Peter the Hermit, *et al*, a consecration which will lay our substance at the apostles feet in sufficient quantities to meet the necessary expenses of the workers on the field. We are embarrassed sometimes to learn that some organizations which have less spirituality than we are nevertheless more efficient because of systematic conduct of their temporal affairs. But we are awaking and will rise to the emergency.

Our responsibilities are increasing. The country is developing at an almost phenomenal rate and the Panama Canal, when completed, will throw a volume of immigration upon our state which must be assimilated by the church and christianized society or become a menace to the church. Workers are knocking constantly at the doors of the church and offering their services to her. Can we not devise some means by which efficient men can be utilized in this great work?

We believe that providence would assist us in providing the complement to these offers of service and enable us to place workers in the field to open new work and man the work effectively which has been already opened. Shall we not as a conference commence an enterprising campaign in behalf of the kingdom which shall please God and secure His prosperous blessing?

To this end we offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That during this conference session we raise if possible by cash

and subscription \$1,000 for the purpose of placing two or three evangelists in the field with tabernacles if needed, and sums of money behind them sufficient to enable them to each take up the work, and allow them to further provide for themselves by the collections taken during their meetings.

II. ON EDUCATION

Perhaps never in the history of our country, has there been such need of a general education for the masses. Enterprise, invention, travel and traffic and the constant immigration to the country, as well as the increasing complexity of government, the conflict between labor and capital, the great increase of cost in family living, the consequent social and moral problems and the assaults of a morally loose liberalism upon the doctrines of the gospel, all call for minds trained to think, quick to see, and stored with facts from many fields.

We are highly favored as a people and as an age, with the facilities for acquiring an education at the public expense. We are fortunate also in the development of methods of instruction for use in our schools. By these methods and equipments our children are enabled to obtain a better education at the age of fourteen or fifteen than we did at twenty.

There is a difference between education and information. To have learned some things is not necessarily to be educated. Discipline, training, so to be able to marshal our powers and concentrate them upon the work to be accomplished is more than information. As in other fields so in the church, education is a factor. It is recognized by her as one of the chief forces of civilization and aids to the work of the church.

Thorough training of the powers of body, mind and soul are by no means inimical to the highest type of Christianity. The true church of Christ has nothing to fear from the light which shines from the fullest knowledge in any and all departments of learning, nor from the most thorough investigation of her principles by the most searching truths of the scientific world. On the contrary she has everything to gain. Truth in one part of the world can but harmonize with truth in every other part, and the increase of knowledge has always confirmed the revelations of God, in His Word. Both the internal and external evidences of the Bible have proven to be in perfect accord with all absolute truth disclosed by science. Hence Christianity desires to foster real education and especially is she desirous that intellectual training should not be divorced from Christian principles. We deplore the neglect of Christian principle which obtains to-day in our public schools.

We believe that the Catholic church has been largely to blame for this condition of things. Apparently she had no excuse for not sending her children to the public school while the Bible was read and taught there, except that she did not want them to mingle with Protestants. Through her Jesuitical influence we believe the Bible is excluded from the public school, and then taking up the cry that the public school is an irreligious institution, she announces that the deficiency must be met by establishing the parochial school. Thus by her duplicity the religio-public school, the greatest bulwark of the nation and the greatest assimilating factor of our government for the handling of the cosmopolitan immigration which is being constantly poured upon both our eastern and western seaboard is taken away. And the Cahensly movement in which the priests of Rome sought to foster upon the American people the burden of financing Catholic schools, disclosed the activity and far-reaching intent of the power lying back of the policy of divorcing the Bible from the public school. Now we are under the necessity of establishing religious schools if we desire instruction under circumstances conducive to the development of Christian principle. The American people should arise and demand the re-statement of the Bible in the public school.

This public affront to God and church unrebuked, inculcates a disregard of moral and religious principle, which can but result in nation-wide moral degeneracy and a harvest of crime. Already we are seeing the effects of it in a growing disregard of the Christian Sabbath and a lawless and merciless

covetousness and a love for the immorally sensational, which would be decried by a generation nurtured under Christian principle.

There is no more insidious opposition to the church perhaps than this which is covertly undermining the respect of the nation for the word of God.

An objectionable feature of many state schools and some denominational institutions of learning is that of fraternal organizations.

Usually they are subversive of proper discipline and institute social distinction which are unfair and often stultifying to the best talent of the school.

They are frequently used as a leverage to compel unlawful privilege and to secure undeserved advantage, in numerous instances obtaining diplomas when their standing would not entitle the student to credits enough to pass.

Instances are not wanting where the heads of prominent institutions have been afraid to withhold the papers of unworthy students because the members of these fraternities standing together would raise such a hue and cry and create such dissatisfaction that these high officials would lose their situations.

The discriminating partiality, the lawlessness, the destruction of individuality in the heads of schools, the forcing of diplomas against the judgment of professors, etc., are sufficient reasons for condemning schools where they are tolerated. Some of our institutions are permitting government of school to be administered by the student body, which might under certain conditions be desirable, but one tendency will be to make a figurehead of the president and faculty, and if administered in connection with secret fraternities would be to make school standing a travesty on scholarship.

We also condemn in unqualified terms the introduction into the public school as a part of the course of instruction, the custom of dancing, so objectionable from a moral point of view to so large a number of the best and most desirable citizens of the land. It sometimes looks as though there was a determined effort upon the part of immorality to override the conscientious scruples and religious convictions of the public. It is time some concerted action was commenced in opposition to it.

We are glad that under the circumstances we are caring for the education of our children and point with a pardonable degree of satisfaction to the schools of our denomination.

As a conference we appreciate and highly recommend the school of our neighboring conference, Seattle Seminary, and we purpose to stand by it in the future as in the past, both by our patronage and our means.

This school is to be commended for the management which has secured such a large and beautiful campus, and fine group of buildings, such a spiritual atmosphere and so excellent a standing among the schools of the northwest.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OREGON CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PREACHER	Conference Claimants' Fund														
		Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions	General Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Entertainment
Portland District																
Portland, First Church.....	W. N. Coffee, District Elder..	123	19	142	4	3	1	14	100	18	\$ 46 80	\$ 18 72	\$ 31 20	\$ 15 00	\$ 10 40	\$ 2 08
Portland, Central Church.....	W. J. Johnston.....	69	11	80	4	5	1	13	140	21	29 70	11 88	19 80	9 90	6 60	1 32
Portland, Sec. Ch. and Bethany..	W. H. Boddy.....	38	7	45	1	2	13	70	6	13 95	5 58	9 30	4 65	3 10	62	
Houlton	H. V. Haslam.....	25	...	25	2	1	5	35	4	11 70	4 68	7 80	3 90	2 60	52	
Gresham and Estracada.....	S. G. Roper.....	37	...	37	1	1	6	45	6	15 75	6 30	10 50	5 25	3 50	70	
Sunnyside and Damascus.....	J. A. Hopper.....	29	1	30	...	2	14	65	5	9 90	3 96	6 60	3 30	2 20	44	
Forest Grove, Hillsboro and Dilley	H. E. Kreider.....	27	...	27	2	1	9	45	11	15 30	6 12	10 20	5 10	3 40	68	
Newberg	J. F. Leise.....	30	...	30	3	1	2	10	43	16	11 25	4 50	7 50	3 75	2 50	50
Woodburn and Hubbard.....	E. I. Harrington.....	33	3	36	...	6	...	...	...	1	2 70	1 08	1 80	90	60	12
Beaver and Blaine.....	J. N. Wood.....	6	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Walport	H. A. Walter.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
The Dalles District																
The Dalles	W. N. Coffee, District Elder..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
White River, Bakeoven, Maupin..	W. E. Preston, supply.....	15	1	16	3	...	2	10	52	7	6 75	2 70	4 50	2 25	1 50	30
Madras and Culver.....	...	8	3	11	1	...	1	4	10	4	4 05	1 62	2 70	1 35	90	18
Salem District																
Salem and Aumsville.....	B. F. Smalley, District Elder	31	3	34	...	1	1	9	35	5	14 40	5 76	9 00	4 80	3 20	64
Falls City.....	O. N. Blair.....	20	4	24	1	...	1	7	33	2	10 35	4 14	6 90	3 45	2 30	46
Albany and Peoria.....	D. W. Cook.....	19	5	24	1	...	2	12	42	1	10 80	4 32	7 20	3 60	2 40	48
Waterloo	F. W. Oliver.....	5	...	5	1	1	1	3	20	...	1 80	72	1 20	60	40	08
Lacomb	L. D. Clevenger.....	13	3	16	...	1	1	5	18	3	4 95	1 98	3 30	1 65	1 10	22
.....	A. S. Wright.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total .....	.....	528	60	588	24	9	20	134	753	118	\$ 221 40	\$ 88 56	\$147 60	\$ 73 80	\$ 49 20	\$ 9 84

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OREGON CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Mission- ary Claim	Woman's For- eign Missionary Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
Portland District															
Portland, First Church.....	\$ 201 94	.....	\$ 3 00	\$ 90 96	\$ 5 20	\$ 652 16	\$ 200 00	\$ 244 33	\$ 212 41	1	\$ 5000	1	\$ 1500
Portland, Central Church.....	129 67	.....	.....	107 89	3 30	645 50	142 00	158 50	94 70	1	6000	1	3000
Portland, Sec. Ch. and Bethany..	118 65	2 00	1 00	68 55	1 55	560 00	96 00	72 20	5 00	1	2500	..	.....
Houlton	11 62	.....	.....	17 43	1 30	300 00	120 00	58 71	32 00	1	1000	1	800
Gresham and Estacada.....	76 68	.....	.....	16 36	1 75	476 31	.....	78 75	15 00	2	1500	1	700
Sunnyside and Damascus.....	\$ 2 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	47 07	1 10	407 65	72 00	58 05	13 99	2	2000	1	1000
Forest Grove, Hillsboro and Dilley	72 00	.....	.....	3 57	1 25	351 00	96 00	55 38	.....	1	700	1	1500
Newberg	79 84	.....	3 80	21 71	1 70	400 00	100 00	76 75	10 00	1	1000	1	750
Woodburn and Hubbard.....	69 40	.....	.....	34 05	1 25	439 00	120 00	64 75	64 87	2	2000	1	1200
Beaver and Blaine.....	30	96 00	.....	22 75	20 25	1	300	..	.....
Walport
The Dalles District															
The Dalles
White River, Bakeoven, Maupin..	1 95	11 42	1 16	6 00	41 39	75	143 51	.....	53 67	29 30	1	800	..	.....
Madras and Culver.....	8 41	45	227 15	.....	53 67	100 19	1	800	..	.....
Salem District															
Salem and Aumsville.....	72 94	1 60	400 00	120 00	108 00	17 00	1	1000	1	600
Falls City.....	25 00	1 15	295 44	72 00	47 96	47 05	1	1400	1	1200
Albany and Peoria.....	38 20	1 20	227 25	.....	58 46	6 50	..	.....	.....	.....
Waterloo	20	78 00	10 00	5 08	.....	2	900	1	100
Lacomb	22 34	.....	.....	12 07	55	254 35	55 00	36 05	9 80	1	500	1	600
Total	\$ 4 75	\$ 794 56	\$ 316	\$ 13 80	\$ 805 60	\$ 24 80	\$ 5863 32	\$ 1203 00	\$ 1253 06	\$ 678 06	20	\$ 27400	12	\$ 13950

CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirtieth Annual Session, held at Sacramento, California, May 15-18, 1912

OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President*
L. W. HUSTON, *Assistant Secretary*
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C. V. CARPENTER, *Treasurer*
L. W. HUSTON, *Sunday-School Sec'y*

COMMITTEES

On Nominations—L. Glenn Lewis, Charles Fish, A. K. Main, H. E. Burbank, C. V. Carpenter.
On Public Worship—Wilson T. Hogue, E. P. Hart, L. Glenn Lewis, L. W. Huston.
On Reforms—Charles Fish, D. W. Hart, B. C. Snow.
On Publications—A. K. Main, W. C. Simpson, R. Wolpern.
On Education—C. V. Carpenter, L. H. Mulholland, A. Verkuyl.
On Sunday-schools—H. E. Burbank, T. H. Symms, N. Alice Clark.
On State of the Work—L. Glenn Lewis, E. P. Hart, M. Habecker.
On Charities—A. K. Main, Charles Fish, W. C. Simpson, H. L. Kibby.
To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—Alfred Randall.
On Publishing the Minutes—The Secretaries.
To Examine the Quarterly Conference Records—Charles Fish, D. W. Hart.
On Conference Missions—The Stationing Committee.
On Conference Claimants and Claims—Wilson T. Hogue, E. P. Hart, L. Glenn Lewis, H. L. Kibby, A. Verkuyl.
On Complimentary Resolutions—H. E. Burbank, L. Glenn Lewis, A. Verkuyl.
On Church and Parsonage Property—C. V. Carpenter, one year; Charles Fish, two years; W. C. Simpson, three years.
Camp-meeting—David McLeod, L. H. Mulholland, E. P. Hart, A. Verkuyl, F. F. Wilson.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

E. P. Hart, president; L. W. Huston, secretary and treasurer; L. H. Mulholland, H. L. Kibby, A. Verkuyl.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

W. C. Simpson, president, one year; C. V. Carpenter, secretary, two years; L. H. Mulholland, three years.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

Charles Fish, president; Moses Habecker, secretary; C. V. Carpenter, David McLeod, C. W. MacRae.

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY

E. P. Hart, president; C. V. Carpenter, secretary; David McLeod, treasurer; Charles Fish, L. W. Huston.

OFFICERS OF THE MINISTERS' AID SOCIETY

L. Glenn Lewis, general treasurer, Orleans, Nebraska; Conference society, E. P. Hart, president, 1117 Park ave., Alameda, California; C. V. Car-

penter, secretary, Route 5, Watsonville, California; L. W. Huston, treasurer, 112 North Ninth St., San Jose, California.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Reforms—L. H. Mulholland, *On State of the Work*—David McLeod,
On Publications—D. C. Newell, L. H. Mulholland,
On Education—D. W. Hart, *On Sunday-schools*—L. W. Huston,
On Charities—W. C. Simpson.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions, fifty cents; second quarter, General Missions, Bishops' Salaries; third quarter, Conference Claimants; fourth quarter, Church Extension, Permanent Fund, General Conference Entertainment, Foreign Missions.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Jennie McLeod, president, San Jose, California; Mrs. Jeanie Fish, first vice-president, 31 South Branceforte avenue, Santa Cruz, California; Mrs. Sarah E. Howard, second vice-president, Modesto, California; Mrs. Nora F. Newell, corresponding secretary, 1414 Park avenue, Alameda, California; Mrs. Carrie M. Carpenter, recording secretary, R. F. D. 5, Watsonville, California; Mrs. Ina M. Baird, treasurer, 1109 Park avenue, Alameda, California; Mrs. L. W. Huston, librarian, 112 North Ninth street, San Jose, California; Mrs. Jeanie Fish, superintendent of Junior work.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

E. P. Hart,	L. Glenn Lewis,	C. V. Carpenter,
W. C. Simpson,	L. W. Huston,	A. K. Main,
T. H. Symms,	C. H. Loomis,	D. C. Newell,
N. S. Honn,	B. Voorheis,	W. D. Bishop,
Charles Fish,	L. H. Mulholland,	D. W. Hart,
David McLeod,	D. G. Benton,	H. W. Dobbins,
H. E. Burbank,	G. B. Phetteplace.	

DELEGATES

H. L. Kibby,	Mary Mason,	C. H. Starkweather,
Emma Gore,	Nellie Flenniken,	A. Verkuyl,
Moses Habecker,	N. Alice Clark,	Minnie Clauson,
Burton C. Snow,	T. G. Martin,	R. Wolpern,
Edith Thompson.		

2. Who are the stationing committee? Wilson T. Hogue, L. Glenn Lewis, H. L. Kibby.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Alfred Randall, Mrs. Alice E. Lewis.

4. Who remain on trial? C. A. Snow.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? D. G. Benton.

6. Who are the deacons? H. E. Burbank, H. W. Dobbins, G. B. Phetteplace, D. G. Benton.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? A. L. Grinnell (local).

8. Who have located this year? S. H. Williams, at his request.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? W. D. Bishop, B. Voorheis, H. E. Burbank, T. H. Symms.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? C. H. Loomis.
11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? D. W. Hart, an elder from the Illinois conference; David McLeod, an elder from the Southern California conference.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? N. S. Honn.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.
15. Who have died this year? None.
- 16-20. See statistical report.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? C. H. Loomis, \$50.00; Mrs. M. A. Kelley and child, \$75.00. Total, \$125.00.
23. See treasurer's report.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? The place and time of holding our next conference was left to a committee composed of the following persons: David McLeod, L. H. Mulholland, E. P. Hart.

APPOINTMENTS

SAN JOSE DISTRICT—DAVID McLEOD, District Elder, San José, California.

San Jose.....L. W. Huston, 112 North Ninth street, San Jose, California
 Alameda.....D. C. Newell, 1414 Park avenue, Alameda, "
 Santa Cruz..Charles Fish, 31 South Branceforte avenue, Santa Cruz, "
 Corralitos.....C. V. Carpenter, R. F. D. No. 5, Watsonville, "
 Aromas.....Alfred Randall, Aromas, "
 Pacheco and Windsor....."
B. F. Handy, supply, 3047 22nd street, San Francisco, "
 San Francisco.....Nora F. Newell, 1414 Park avenue, Alameda, "

E. P. Hart, retired bishop, 1117 Park avenue, Alameda, California; L. Glenn Lewis, principal, Orleans Seminary, Orleans, Nebraska; Alice E. Lewis, preceptress, Orleans Seminary, Orleans, Nebraska; C. H. Loomis, superannuated, 1411 Lewis street, Santa Clara, California; W. D. Bishop, supernumerary, Palo Alto, California; H. E. Burbank, supernumerary; G. B. Phetteplace, left without appointment according to paragraph 96 of the Discipline; S. H. Williams, given certificate of location at his request; N. S. Honn, given certificate of standing in view of transfer; David McLeod, member San Jose district quarterly conference.

SACRAMENTO DISTRICT—DAVID McLEOD, District Elder.

Sacramento.....W. C. Simpson, 1512 Fourteenth street, Sacramento, California
 Ione.....A. K. Main, Ione, "
 Chico and Gridley.....D. G. Benton, 989 Ivy street, Chico, "
 Plymouth.....J. T. Gromer, supply, Plymouth, "

T. H. Symms, supernumerary.

HANFORD DISTRICT—L. H. MULHOLLAND, District Elder, Oakdale, California

Hanford.....D. W. Hart, 617 N. Harris street, Hanford, California
 Hughson.....H. W. Dobbins, Hughson, "
 Ripon.....C. A. Snow, Ripon, "
 Oakdale.....L. H. Mulholland, Oakdale, "
 Modesto, in charge of the district elder, J. W. and Sarah E. Howard, supplies,
 722 Twelfth street, Modesto, California.

B. Voorheis, supernumerary.

LOCAL PREACHERS AND EVANGELISTS

*M. L. Winegarden, 526 Summit avenue, Pasadena, California	†Oliver Johnston....Liberty, Arizona
*D. S. Stuart.....Oakdale, California	C. G. Rambo...Sacramento, California
†J. N. Lightner....Turlock, "	A. Verkuyl.....Grangeville, "
†G. W. Shurtz....Turlock, "	Thomas Clark....Alameda, "
†A. R. Baxter....Hanford, "	R. E. Davenport, 225 Adams street, San Jose, California
*A. L. Grinnell, San Francisco, California.	Earnest Kirkendall, Plymouth, California
†J. T. Gromer...Plymouth, California	Esther Main.....Ione, California
†H. H. Tubbs..Santa Cruz, "	Fannie L. North....Chico, "
†Martha B. Hart, 1117 Park avenue, Alameda, California	N. Alice Clark....Alameda, "
†Nora F. Newell, 1414 Park avenue, Alameda, California	Maud Grinnell, San Francisco, California
†Phoebe F. Smith, San Jose, California	Carrie M. Carpenter, Route 5, Watsonville, California
†Sarah E. Howard, Modesto, "	L. M. Westlake, Santa Cruz, California
H. E. Wolcott, 464 36th street, Oakland, California	R. H. Knowles, Santa Cruz, "
	Alice M. Knowles, Santa Cruz, California

*Elder. †Deacon. ‡Conference evangelist.

TREASURER'S REPORT

CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$189.50.
 GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$56.85.
 BISHOP'S SALARIES—Assessed and paid, \$68.22.
 CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—Assessed and paid, \$170.55.
 CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed and paid, \$37.90.
 PERMANENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$18.95.
 GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—Assessed and paid, \$7.85.
 FOREIGN MISSIONS—\$27.75.
 CHILDREN'S FUND—\$21.03.

RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, At its last session the California Legislature passed and the state officers duly signed and certified Assembly Joint Resolution Number Nineteen; and,

WHEREAS, This resolution launches a nation-wide campaign in behalf of uniform federal laws regulating all questions relating to marriage and divorce; and,

WHEREAS, California leads the Nation to an amendment to the Federal Constitution as the only feasible and permanent basis for such uniformity; be it therefore,

Resolved, That we pledge our hands, our hearts and our pulpits to the furtherance of this most holy cause, esteeming the work which protects the right of the child to be well born as the greatest reform movement of the age, and further,

1. To protect our homes and our nation from the plague of fraudulent divorces and from the pest of hasty and ill-considered marriages.

2. To punish by law all crimes against the purity and integrity of the home.

3. To obtain the co-operation of all church and educational institutions, societies and associations in pushing the national campaign for uniform laws; and furthermore, be it,

Resolved, That we heartily endorse these branches of the work of the State

Commission on Marriage and Divorce, and pray God's blessing upon all the nation's homes.

WHEREAS, The statistics compiled by the State Commission on Marriage and Divorce show a rapid increase in the divorce rate in our state and nation; and,

WHEREAS, The remarriage of divorced parties, separated on other than scriptural grounds, is also increasing at an alarming rate; and,

WHEREAS, We as a church take a strong position against the evil thus menacing our state and nation, and in our book of Discipline forbid our ministers to officiate at the marriage of persons thus divorced, also barring such persons from membership among us; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we regard it as the sense of this conference that the following questions should be asked of all divorced parties applying to our ministers for remarriage, and that no minister among us should in any case officiate at such marriages until they are satisfactorily answered, and it is made perfectly evident that the person (or persons) seeking remarriage after having been divorced have been granted a divorce on strictly scriptural grounds:

1. When, where, and for what cause was the divorce or annulment of marriage granted?

2. Have you a copy of the decree with you?

3. Was the real cause stated or did you really have some other cause?

4. What proofs can you give of the genuineness of the decree?

5. What proofs can you furnish of your own innocence?

Resolved, That we will in no case marry divorced persons without demanding first ten days, or a sufficient time, in which to make a thorough investigation of the same.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We are told that there are 250,000 Sunday-schools in the world with an enrolment of 27,000,000, and that our own country enrols 13,000,000 in its 140,000 schools. And yet there are many millions who never attend any Sunday-school. If numbers alone gave to the Sunday-school its claim for great importance surely nothing now need be said; but we believe this claim is now truly found in the fact that every Sunday-school worthy of the name aims at and secures the conversion of its pupils as its first concern. Organization, right method, pure literature, able teachers, popular superintendents, etc., each have a worthy place on the program of every convention and in the plans of every pastor for the welfare and success of his school; but no success can be recognized as real that fails in securing the submission of the hearts of the pupils to Christ and adds them to the church in loving, loyal membership.

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1. We recommend the organization and regular session of the Sunday-school board.

2. That one service especially in the interest of the Sunday-school be given at each district quarterly meeting.

3. That every Sunday-school have a teacher training class, a Home Department and Cradle Roll.

4. That at least one Sunday-school convention be held on each district once a year.

5. That a portion of the catechism be taught regularly in every school every Sunday.

6. That this conference act favorably on the earnest recommendation of our beloved Sunday-school secretary regarding the employment of a Sunday-school missionary.

7. That on Children's Day, Decision Day and at other times especial effort be made to secure the conversion of the children.

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CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Fund-	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Mis-sions Claims	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Entertainment General Conference	
San Jose District																	
San Jose	L. Glenn Lewis, District Elder	54	9	63	3	1	1	1	8	61	20	\$ 25 20	\$ 10 08	\$ 28 00	\$ 8 40	\$ 5 60	\$ 1 12
Alameda	W. C. Simpson	29	3	32	4	3	1	7	60	10	12 60	5 04	14 00	4 20	2 80	56	
Santa Cruz	Charles Fish	40	5	45	1	3	1	7	40	13	14 85	5 94	16 50	4 95	3 30	66	
Corralitos	C. V. Carpenter	28	13	41	1	1	1	6	54	7	14 40	5 76	16 00	4 80	3 20	64	
Aromas	D. C. Newell	20	...	20	...	1	1	6	40	5	12 15	4 86	13 50	4 05	2 70	54	
Windsor	C. W. Sacry, supply	4	...	4	...	1	1	9	38	2	2 25	90	2 50	75	50	10	
Pacheco	L. Glenn Lewis	5	...	5	...	1	1	3	8	1	2 25	90	2 50	75	50	10	
San Francisco	L. Glenn Lewis	6	...	6	2	1	...	...	...	3	4 05	1 62	4 50	1 35	90	18	
Sacramento District																	
Sacramento	L. Glenn Lewis, District Elder	51	22	73	1	1	1	10	125	10	17 10	6 84	19 00	5 70	3 80	76	
Yone	Louis W. Huston	9	1	10	...	1	1	4	25	5	8 10	3 24	9 00	2 70	1 80	36	
Oakdale	A. K. Main	17	2	19	1	1	1	8	26	6	12 15	4 86	13 50	4 05	2 70	54	
Plymouth and Oleto	H. E. Burbank	8	...	8	1	1	1	4	25	2	5 85	2 34	6 50	1 95	1 30	26	
Chico	C. A. Snow	18	3	21	1	1	1	8	85	4	9 00	3 60	10 00	3 00	2 00	40	
Hughson	D. G. Benton	14	3	17	3	2	2	14	55	6	7 65	3 06	8 50	2 55	1 70	34	
Hanford	Alfred Randall, supply	44	7	51	2	1	1	9	50	9	19 35	7 74	21 50	6 45	4 30	86	
Lathrop	D. W. Hart, supply	9	...	9	...	1	1	...	...	6	3 60	1 44	4 00	1 20	80	16	
Modesto	Marvin Stuart, supply	24	2	26	1	1	1	9	26	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
	J. W. and S. E. Howard, sup.	
Total		380	70	450	18	13	16	112	718	113	\$ 170 55	\$ 68 22	\$189 50	\$ 56 85	\$ 37 90	\$ 7 56	

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Missions ary Claim	Woman's For- eign Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
San Jose District															
San Jose	\$ 137 50	.....	\$ 1 80	\$ 37 85	\$ 2 80	\$777 70	\$ 120 00	\$ 175 00	\$ 56 10	1	\$ 5000	1	\$ 1250
Alameda	\$ 15 00	53 25	.....	.....	59 21	1 40	585 00	192 00	57 05	32 53	1	3500	1	3500
Santa Cruz	12 35	128 95	.....	3 00	51 23	1 65	500 00	117 00	67 65	18 00	1	3300	1	1700
Corralitos	139 77	.....	1 53	65 76	1 60	412 50	100 00	78 95	14 10	1	2000	1	2000
Aromas	22 50	\$ 1 40	90	39 49	1 35	296 00	100 00	56 50	7 25	1	1500	1	900
Windsor	21 00	25	.....	.....	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pacheco	25	.....	.....	5 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
San Francisco	45	.....	.....	25 50	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sacramento District															
Sacramento	39 00	.....	.....	70 00	1 90	729 30	216 00	78 35	35 40	1	5000	1	3000
Lone	9 75	6 00	.....	.....	21 81	1 90	423 15	100 00	36 20	.....	1	2000	1	3000
Oakdale	150 00	180 65	.....	11 80	59 65	1 35	511 60	120 00	69 75	75 00	1	1500	1	500
Plymouth and Oleta	11 98	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	188 75	60 00	26 00	.....	1	500	1	300
Chico	3 42	.....	.....	1 00	28 00	1 00	208 80	120 00	33 10	.....	1	1100	1	1400
Hughson	6 00	.....	1 00	19 44	85	347 65	.....	40 40	15 00	1	1000	.....	.....
Hanford	29 06	.....	.....	55 15	2 15	563 00	100 00	109 00	118 00	1	3000	1	500
Lathrop	40	.....	.....	17 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Modesto	20 67	.....	216 50	.....	24 70	90 70	1	2500	.....	.....
Total	\$202 50	\$ 742 08	\$ 1 40	\$ 21 01	\$ 549 26	\$18 95	\$820 04	\$1345 00	\$ 307 40	\$ 477 08	14	\$ 32000	12	\$ 16200

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-third Annual Session, held at Mineral Park, Los Angeles, California, June 19-22, 1912

OFFICERS

WILLIAM B. OLMSTEAD, *President*
CLYDE R. EBey, *Secretary and Sunday-school Secretary*
S. O. YELVINGTON, *Assistant Secretary*
J. O. HOCKETT, *Statistical Secretary* S. F. HEILMAN, *Treasurer*
B. J. VINCENT, *Educational Secretary and Railroad Secretary*

COMMITTEES

- On Nominations*—D. G. Shepard, D. McLeod, D. C. Lamson, P. O. Cole, C. O. Cooper.
On Public Worship—W. B. Olmstead, D. G. Shepard, D. McLeod, D. C. Lamson, P. O. Cole, Victor Larson.
On State of the Work—D. G. Shepard, D. McLeod, D. C. Lamson, H. H. Baxter, George Dixon, A. K. Ebey.
On Sunday-schools—Clyde R. Ebey, Henry Gruenenwald, Mrs. O. Johnston, Wm. Blumfield, J. D. Bullock, J. B. Roberts, Etta Murray.
On Publications—D. McLeod, S. F. Heilman, M. N. Downing, P. O. Cole, J. J. Harshman, F. H. Horton.
On Education—E. P. Ashcraft, B. J. Vincent, S. W. Stone, C. O. Cooper, E. A. Mothershead.
On Reforms—W. E. Shepard, D. D. Dodge, J. H. Brittain, J. A. Watkins, S. L. Smith, F. I. Labrum.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—F. A. Ames, James Craig, W. C. Graves, C. E. Burris, C. H. Ruth.
To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—B. C. Johnson, E. T. Layne.
To Publish the Minutes—The Secretaries.
Auditing Committee—J. K. Freeland, N. E. Tingley, C. O. Cooper, H. H. Baxter.
On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.
On Resolutions—W. E. Shepard, S. O. Yelvington, Eva Hager, Sarah Wade.
On Conference Claimants and Claims—W. B. Olmstead, D. G. Shepard, J. E. Cochrane, H. S. Gruenenwald, A. K. Ebey.
On Expense of Conference Officers—D. C. Lamson, W. E. Shepard, J. K. Freeland.
On the Imperial Valley Work—D. McLeod, D. G. Shepard, C. H. Ruth, B. J. Vincent, S. L. Smith, W. B. Olmstead, P. O. Cole, J. K. Freeland.

STANDING COMMITTEES

- On Prohibition*—J. B. Freeland, B. J. Vincent, S. O. Yelvington, Clyde R. Ebey, B. C. Johnson, C. O. Cooper, S. L. Smith.
To Visit the Los Angeles Seminary—F. H. Horton, H. H. Baxter, B. C. Johnson, J. J. Harshman.
Camp-meeting Committee—The district elders of the conference: the pastors of Los Angeles, First church, Hermon and Pasadena; C. O. Cooper, S. L. Smith, A. K. Ebey, W. C. Graves.
On Circulating the Free Methodist—D. C. Lamson, C. O. Cooper, B. J. Vincent.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

David McLeod,	James Seals,	J. B. Roberts,
F. A. Ames,	S. R. Gittens,	D. G. Shepard,
E. G. Albright,	J. K. Freeland,	M. N. Downing,
F. H. Horton,	S. O. Yelvington,	J. B. Freeland,
James Craig,	J. Q. Murray,	W. E. Stewart,
W. C. Graves,	Silas F. Heilman	J. W. Marshall,
L. W. Rubardt,	J. D. Bullock,	D. D. Dodge,
A. C. Brown,	Clyde R. Ebey,	E. T. Layne,
H. Beamish,	B. J. Vincent,	J. H. Brittain,
H. G. Ahlemeyer,	Nelson E. Tingley,	D. M. Poor,
D. C. Lamson,	M. D. Myers,	S. W. Stone,
F. I. Labrum,	E. P. Ashcraft,	J. O. Hockett,
B. C. Johnson,	J. E. Cochrane,	N. S. Honn.

DELEGATES

C. O. Cooper,	S. L. Smith,	Perry O. Cole,
A. K. Ebey,	C. E. Burris,	E. A. Mothershead,
J. J. Harshman,	George W. Dixon,	George Taylor,
Eva Hager,	H. S. Gruenenwald,	Sarah F. Wade,
Etta Murray,	Mrs. O. Johnston,	J. A. Watkins,
Jennie L. Poor,	C. H. Ruth,	Victor Larson,
Wm. Blumfield,	W. F. Arehart,	H. H. Baxter.

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. B. Olmstead, D. G. Shepard, D. McLeod, D. C. Lamson, S. L. Smith, C. O. Cooper, George Dixon.

3. None.

4. Who remain on trial? L. J. Reed, L. Mordaunt.

5. None.

6. Who are the deacons? E. G. Albright, E. T. Layne, Nelson E. Tingley, E. P. Ashcraft, J. O. Hockett.

7-8. None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? A. C. Brown, N. E. Tingley, L. J. Reed, M. D. Myers, James Craig.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? M. N. Downing, J. B. Freeland, James Seals, F. I. Labrum, J. B. Roberts, D. M. Poor, L. W. Rubardt, J. W. Marshall, W. E. Stewart, J. D. Bullock, J. Q. Murray, E. G. Albright.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? S. W. Stone, an elder, from the Michigan conference; N. S. Honn, an elder, from the California conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? W. E. Shepard.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? David McLeod, to the California conference.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

15. None.

16-20. See statistical tables.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? M. N. Downing, \$150; J. B. Freeland, \$150; James Seals, \$150; F. I. Labrum, \$150; J. B. Roberts, \$130; D. M. Poor, \$100; S. R. Gittens, \$90; L. W. Rubardt, \$80; J. W. Marshall, \$70; W. E. Stewart, \$100; J. D. Bullock, \$130; Minnie Warren, \$150; Edith C. Davis and three children of N. J. Davis, \$228.

23. See treasurer's report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? In connection with a camp-meeting, the place to be decided by the camp-meeting committee; the time to be as near the eighteenth of June as will suit the plans of the presiding bishop.

MISCELLANEOUS

The conference was held as usual in connection with a camp-meeting at Mineral Park, Los Angeles, California. It was perhaps the largest camp this conference has ever had. The congregations were large and the services very spiritual. Special unction rested upon the ministry of the word. Large sums of money were raised for aggressive work.

Rev. W. B. Olmstead presided over the conference and did much of the preaching during the camp-meeting. His labors were greatly owned and blessed. It would be impossible to tell how many found the Lord in pardon and purity. Large altar services followed almost every sermon. The closing Sunday morning eighty-eight rose for prayer, nearly fifty were forward in the afternoon and a large number were forward at night.

The preachers' reports showed blessing and increase during the past year. We thank the Lord and press forward.

The conference collections for next year are as follows: First quarter, Conference Missions (ten cents to be devoted to a fund for worn-out women preachers) 60 cents; second quarter, General Missions, Church Extension; third quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Foreign Missions; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants, Permanent Fund, American Bible Society, Fund for Entertaining General Conference.

The following ministers were introduced to the conference and invited to honorary seats: Charles Fish and L. W. Huston, of the California conference; C. G. Cox, of the West Iowa conference; F. S. Converse, of the Methodist church; A. Stokesbury, of the Missouri conference; S. D. White and George Teel, of the Holiness church.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has raised \$3,325.80 during the past year. The conference adopted a resolution of appreciation of their labors. The conference mission board reported having received \$1,252 for evangelistic work during the year. The Sunday-schools showed an increase of 252 for the year. A conference Sunday-school Board was elected.

APPOINTMENTS

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT—D. G. SHEPARD, District Elder, Hermon, California

Los Angeles, First Church.....	.....
.....Silas F. Heilman, 608 East 6th street, Los Angeles, California	
Los Angeles, Second Church, 30th street between Main street and	
Grand avenue	C. H. Reed, Victoria Reed, supplies
Los Angeles, Hermon	B. J. Vincent, Hermon, California
Pasadena	Clyde R. Ebey, 306 N. Fair Oaks avenue, Pasadena, "
Whittier	E. T. Layne, 207 S. Comstock avenue, Whittier, "
Sawtelle	J. O. Hockett, Sawtelle, "
Watts	F. A. Ames, Watts, "
Long Beach	J. H. Brittain, Long Beach, "
Monrovia	F. H. Horton, Monrovia, "
Sunland .....	.....To be supplied

J. K. Freeland, 718 Elizabeth street, Pasadena, California; E. P. Ashcraft, Hermon, California, teachers in Los Angeles Seminary; A. C. Brown, Hermon, California, N. E. Tingley, Los Angeles, California, L. J. Reed, 315 Jasmine street, Monrovia, California, M. D. Myers, Monrovia, California, James Craig, Hermon, California, supernumerary; N. S. Honn, Hermon, California, mis-

sionary to China; L. Mordaunt, Los Angeles, California, prison evangelist; M. N. Downing, 205 South Milton avenue, Whittier, California; J. B. Freeland, Hermon, California; James Seals, Sawtelle, California; F. I. Labrum, Hermon, California; J. B. Roberts, Sunland, California; D. M. Poor, 313 S. Milton avenue, Whittier, California; L. W. Rubardt, Summit avenue, near Penn street, Pasadena, California; J. W. Marshall, Chula Vista, California; W. E. Stewart, Hermon, California; J. D. Bullock, Watts, California; J. Q. Murray, Los Angeles, California; E. G. Albright, Long Beach, California, superannuated; David McLeod, granted certificate of good standing with a view to transfer to the California conference; W. E. Shepard, withdrawn from the conference and church.

RIVERSIDE DISTRICT—J. E. COCHRANE, District Elder, Pomona, California
 Riverside.....S. O. Yelvington, Riverside, California
 Ontario and Bethel.....J. H. McCabe, supply, Ontario, "
 Pomona and Chino...W. C. Graves, 624 South Thomas street, Pomona. "
 Corona.....Ada Pearce, supply, Corona. "
 Santa Ana. B. C. Johnson, Minnie Johnson, supply, 315 Fruit street. "
Santa Ana. "
 Garden Grove.....M. C. Roll, Lulu Roll, supplies, Garden Grove. "
 San Diego....S. Anna Grant, supply, 917 Beech street, San Diego. "
 Escondido and Valley Center.....John Watkins, supply
 Imperial Valley.....D. D. Dodge, Brawley, California
 Santa Maria and Nipoma.....To be supplied
 S. W. Stone, evangelist; S. R. Gittens, superannuated.

ARIZONA DISTRICT—D. C. LAMSON, District Elder
 Phoenix.....
D. C. Lamson, Nora Lamson, supply, 36 N. 5th street, Phoenix, Arizona
 Liberty.....Ada Forman, supply, Liberty. "
 Cochise County.....To be supplied

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Etta Murray, 702 W. 50th street, Los Angeles, California	Miss Bertha J. Ahlemeyer, Sawtelle, California
Mrs. Margaret Cook, Watts, Cali- fornia	Miss Virginia Walter, Garden Grove, California
Mrs. M. H. Freeland, Hermon, Cali- fornia	Mrs. M. D. Wheeler, corner Cedar and Kirkwood streets, Pasadena, Cali- fornia
Mrs. Luella Betts Beamish, Spokane, Washington	Mrs. Ida Gage Wood, Huntington Park, California
Mrs. Elizabeth Wyatt, Hermon, Cali- fornia	Mrs. Elizabeth Stoddard, Los Angeles, California
Mrs. Matilda S. Taylor, 85 Glorietta street, Pasadena, California	Mrs. Minnie M. Johnson, Santa Ana, California
Miss Ada Pearce...Corona, California	Mrs. Nora Lamson, Phoenix, Arizona

LOCAL ELDERS

T. T. McCall, 1625 E. 48th street, Los Angeles, California	A. Lingren, Box 72a, R. F. D. No. 2, Pasadena, California
J. M. Cusick.....Whittier, California	Atway C. Chase, Long Beach, Cali- fornia
A. D. Noyes, Box 233a, R. F. D. No. 1, Pasadena, California	A. B. Gill, S22 West Walnut street, Santa Ana, California
J. S. B. Nickle...Monrovia, California	George Seacord....Ontario, California
J. T. Wornom.....	

LOCAL DEACONS

Cyrus E. Marsh..Hermon, California	J. G. Baird.....Chino, California
J. G. Wilson.....Whittier, "	T. B. France...Long Beach, "
D. D. Stoddard, Los Angeles, "	O. J. Green.....Toledo, Iowa

LOCAL PREACHERS

Frank Furness, Bell Flower, California	W. M. Reed....Los Angeles, California
Frank M. Stanger, Greenville, Illinois	Edger M. Robb...Brawley, California
Albert K. Ebey, 1019 S. Townsend street, Los Angeles, California	D. B. Harer.....Phoenix, Arizona
Frank A. Smith..Whittier, California	George W. Dixon....Phoenix, "
Elvis Cochran, 260 E. 30th street, Los Angeles, California	Walter Gibson.....Phoenix, "
Oscar Lund	F. M. Hollenbeck...Liberty, "
Mark M. Horton.....New York City	George Harer.....Liberty, "
	J. L. Evinger.....Willcox, "

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

E. L. Lovejoy, Los Angeles, California	Mrs. Elizabeth Albright, Long Beach, California
Mrs. Mary C. Bundy, Santa Maria, California	Miss Emma Suess, Los Angeles, California
Mrs. Sarah Duhig, Los Angeles, California	Mrs. Mary M. Smith, Whittier, California
Mrs. Ella M. Chase, Long Beach, California	Mrs. Laura Lund.....

TREASURER'S REPORT

CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Surplus from last year, 66c; assessed and paid, \$416.40; total, \$417.06. Paid beneficiaries, \$345; reserve fund for disabled women preachers, \$69.40; balance on hand, \$2.66; total, \$417.06.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—Assessed and paid, \$312.30.

GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$104.10.

CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed and paid, \$69.40.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed and paid, \$124.92.

PERMANENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$34.70.

GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—Assessed and paid, \$13.88.

CHILDREN'S FUND—\$30.39.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—\$139.03.

EDUCATIONAL FUND—\$23.43.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY—\$55.32.

ROBERT'S MEMORIAL FUND—\$5.05.

Balance on hand: Conference Claimants' surplus, \$2.05; Conference Missions surplus, \$2.66; disabled women preachers' fund, \$69.40; total, \$74.11.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON THE STATE OF THE WORK

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT—As we take a retrospective view of the work that has been accomplished on the Los Angeles district, both by the ministry and laity during the year that is past and gone, we feel that we have great reason to be thankful to the God of all grace for His exceeding love and mercy to us, and for the help He has given us.

The ministers as a whole have been zealous and untiring in their efforts to see souls saved and to build up the work. Special revival meetings have been held on nearly all of the circuits. We have been very highly favored in having

the very able and efficient services of our general Sunday-school secretary and evangelist, W. B. Olmstead, who has held revival meetings, assisted by the pastors, on the following charges: Pasadena, Romona, Hermon, Los Angeles, First Church, and Long Beach. A goodly number of souls were saved in these meetings and at each place the work was strengthened and built up by these successful meetings. We certainly appreciate the excellent work done by this eminently able and successful evangelist and man of God. Rev. W. T. Klotzbach also assisted the pastors in revival meetings at Monrovia and Sawtelle; Rev. S. W. Stone also assisted at Monrovia; all of which resulted in soul-saving and in strengthening the work at these points.

A very excellent up-to-date eight-room parsonage has been built at Hermon during the past year. This was much needed at this important educational center. Much credit is due to the pilgrims and pastor for this much-needed work. A goodly portion of the indebtedness on the parsonage at Sawtelle and Romona has been liquidated during the year. Also a new church has been organized in Los Angeles, called the Los Angeles Second Church, and a large, commodious church building worth at least \$10,000, has been purchased, and \$3,500.00 has been paid on this property. Much credit is due the pastor, J. E. Cochrane, and the members of this church for their earnest efforts in securing this property.

There has been an increase in membership on this district of seventy-three, including the probationers, during the year. A goodly number of these have come to us from our own churches in other conferences.

We are thankful for the number saved, but feel that we have great need of more spiritual life and power in our midst and greater zeal for lost souls. In order to this end we should be more humble and more careful of our conversation, that we say nothing of any one detrimental to another's reputation or character. We should for ever put away evil speaking from our midst. This is an awful blighting curse wherever it exists.

We feel to sound the warning note against worldliness in our midst, such as ornamental breastpins and gold stickpins, and silk attire, also against loading up with real estate and financial problems that cannot be carried through successfully without wrecking those spiritually and financially who engage in them.

In conclusion we would say that it is absolutely essential that we as a conference keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace and brotherly love. In these days of divisions and factions in political matters, in municipal government and in domestic relations, when things have a tendency to fly apart, it is certainly a shame and disgrace for the church which God hath instituted for the salvation of the world to in any degree become infected with this moral leprosy. We are persuaded that none of us have any other thought than to always have the spirit of "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth and good will toward men."

RIVERSIDE DISTRICT—At the last session of the conference, the advisability of forming the Riverside district was a serious question, but we will now give the condition of the work and let the conference judge as to the wisdom of its action.

Last year there were 130 members in full connection and 24 probationers within the territory included in the district, and there was raised for pastors' support \$1,862.07.

The membership at the present is 188 in full connection and 33 on probation, and there has been raised for pastors' support \$2,272.81. This makes an increase of 58 members in full connection and nine on probation, an increase of about 44½ percent in full members and 37½ percent in probationers, a total increase of 67 or about 43½ per cent.

Rev. W. B. Olmstead has assisted in meetings in Santa Ana and Bethel with good results; Rev. S. W. Stone in Ontario and Bethel, and the Lord was pleased to bless His word; Rev. W. T. Klotzbach in Garden Grove, Corona, Santa Ana and Holtville, and his services were blessed to the strengthening

of the work; Rev. W. C. Graves assisted in a meeting at Brawley, where the Lord has favored us with the organization of a new society of eight members and one probationer.

The finances are in a fairly good condition.

Santa Ana has built an addition to the church, 16x28, with a room above and below and the church is reseated with new and easy-sitting chairs, and the financial part all provided for this under the labors of Rev. B. C. Johnson and wife. Bethel has completed the church for which plans were laid last year, and seated it with comfortable chairs. Ontario has purchased a school building and 12 lots, 24x148 feet, several of which are for sale at reasonable prices, and when these are sold they will have a good church home at a moderate price. We understand that this is all safely financed. The lots unsold are included in the debt unprovided for. The entire property cost \$3,550.00. This is under the labors of Rev. J. H. Brittan, assisted by Sister Ada Pearce the latter part of the year.

We feel that we should call special attention to Imperial Valley. At the present time we are the only organized holiness work in the valley, except a holiness church in Holtville, where a band of faithful men and women are holding up the banner of the cross.

At Brawley, where our work is organized, there is a church belonging to the Nazarenes that cost about \$3,300.00, which is offered to us for \$2,000.00, and they to leave the field to us in the valley should we take the property. This should be referred to a committee for immediate action. In our opinion the conference will have to assist the society to carry the enterprise to a successful issue.

Corona needs a new church, and Riverside a new parsonage.

ARIZONA DISTRICT—Of the Arizona district it can truly be said that the harvest is great and the laborers are few. The outlook for the work there is more encouraging than it has been for years, and our people there are expecting and praying for greater things.

During the past year Brother Johnston, the pastor at Liberty, has held two revival meetings on his circuit, in one of which he was assisted by Rev. D. D. Dodge. Much good seed was sown and we look for visible results to follow.

At Phoenix there have been two revival meetings held, besides a ten-days' holiness and Sunday-school convention. In these meetings Revs. L. G. Lewis, David McLeod, Oliver Johnston and W. B. Olmstead assisted. These brethren all labored earnestly with good results and a number of solid and substantial pilgrims were added to the church. The Sunday-school convention held by Brother Olmstead was a great inspiration to the Sunday-school work on the district.

Brother Olmstead secured \$500.00 in subscriptions to improve the church property at Phoenix. The church has been cemented on the outside, a new cement walk has been laid, electric fans have been placed in the church and other improvements are being contemplated. Owing to removals the membership on the district shows but a slight increase over last year.

When we consider the great opportunities for advancing the Kingdom of Christ in Arizona, we feel like praying the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers and that a double portion of the Spirit may be given to the workers on that field.

II.—COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS

The Lord in his providences has dealt very kindly with the Southern California conference during the year just closed. Notwithstanding the comparatively long list of our ministers who have laid aside their active duties on account either of advancing years or failing health, not one of our conference members has been called away by death. To Him in whose hands our lives are, be all the praise.

However, it is fitting that we pause a few moments in the pressing business

of this conference session to speak of the passing of one of the most prominent laymen of the conference, one who has been a familiar figure at all the general gatherings of the church in the conference for many years, and whose name is well known outside of California. We speak of Brother F. J. Heil, of Santa Ana.

Brother Heil's last illness was of long duration, and most of the time he was a great sufferer, but this together with the fact that for some months he knew that he could not recover, did not destroy his courage or bring gloom over his spirit. He was a brave, trustful man who knew his God, and his weeks and months of suffering and his knowledge that his work was nearly ended, drew him into closer fellowship with the Infinite One. He died triumphantly, and while we are permitted to continue our labors in the Master's vineyard he has entered upon his reward. The church will greatly miss him; for he had a rich personal experience and a clear understanding of the doctrines which are vital in the work of the Free Methodist church. His spiritual qualifications coupled with a clear judgment and a deep interest in the church of his choice brought him into prominence in plans for carrying on the work. His advice was found to be wise and was often sought by those who had the immediate responsibility for the work.

Brother Heil was a hard working man and a very successful business manager. His efforts and wise business methods were prospered by the Lord, and he was entrusted with a good portion of this world's goods. He was generous toward the Lord's work during his life, and left large bequests for carrying on the various enterprises of the church after his death. He was one of God's noblemen, quiet and unassuming, yet doing a true man's work—work for which he will receive eternal reward.

We also note the death of Sister Rubart, the noble and faithful companion of one of our ministers, Rev. L. W. Rubart. Sister Rubart was loved by all who knew her as a true Christian woman who did her part in the Lord's work faithfully and well. She has entered upon her reward.

At the close of the reading of this report, a brief memorial service was held. Prayer was offered by the president of the conference.

III.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS

Youth is one of the golden ages of man. Every period of life may be a golden period to the soul who comes to his own. Early manhood is the age of enthusiastic and untiring endeavor, middle age of strong and magnificent accomplishment, old age of mature thought and ripened action, a summit to view a life well spent, a view point that fronts the eternal glories.

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We are told that the pulse of a newly-born infant beats at the rate of 132 per minute; when a year old the pulse beat is perhaps 110; the normal pulse beat of the adult is 60 or 70, while in old age it is but 55 or 60. Does not that indicate somewhat the rate at which God intends us to run? If this be true, are we not making a great mistake if we wait until the activities of life are slowing down before we harness them for the kingdom?

If the sources of the Missouri could be tapped near enough to their fountain, the Mississippi need not receive the pollution of its muddy waters. If the streams of our population could be reached nearer the fountainhead of innocence, how many dark rivers could be diverted from the penitentiary and the insane asylum!

So the work of the Sunday-school looms large and important. And we are serving in no mean cause when we give ourselves to its work. It should be pushed in every possible way.

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We recommend the establishing of a conference Sunday-school Board consisting of the conference Sunday-school secretary who shall be chairman of the board, and one minister and one layman, who shall have general charge of the Sunday-school work of the conference.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claims	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Entertainment General Conference
Los Angeles District																
Los Angeles, First Church.....	D. G. Shepard, District Elder	112	13	125	6	4	1	14	130	48	\$ 63 90	\$ 21 24	\$ 85 20	\$ 21 30	\$ 14 20	\$ 2 84
Los Angeles, Second Church.....	S. F. Helman.....	48	5	53	2	3	1	10	60	12	.....	.....	76 80	19 20	12 80	2 56
Hermion and New York Valley.....	J. E. Cochran.....	133	27	160	4	2	1	32	316	32	57 60	23 04	42 60	10 65	7 10	1 42
Pasadena and Lamanda Park.....	Clyde R. Ebeys.....	70	10	80	2	1	1	16	181	10	12 78	12 78	22 20	5 55	3 70	.....
Whittier.....	F. H. Horton.....	36	1	37	1	1	1	8	37	17	16 65	6 66	24 60	6 15	4 10	.....
Sawtelle.....	J. O. Hockett.....	41	1	42	2	2	1	12	50	12	18 45	7 38	24 60	3 75	2 50	1 00
Watts and Compton.....	J. A. Ames.....	27	5	32	1	2	1	5	38	10	11 25	4 50	15 00	3 75	2 50	.....
Long Beach.....	E. B. Cochran.....	13	2	15	1	2	1	5	38	5	7 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Montevia.....	E. B. Roberts.....	23	5	28	1	1	1	8	42	6	7 65	3 06	10 20	2 55	1 70	.....
Pomona and Chino.....	W. C. Graves.....	43	8	51	.....	.....	.....	12	65	16	13 60	5 40	18 00	4 50	3 00	34
San Dimas.....	J. T. Wornom.....	4	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 32	72	2 40	60	40	08
Nipoma, Los Beres and Santa Maria.....	D. G. Shepard.....	4	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 32	72	2 40	60	40	08
Riverside District																
Riverside.....	David McLeod, District Elder	17	1	18	.....	.....	1	9	34	9	6 75	2 70	9 00	2 25	1 50	30
Ontario and Bethel.....	S. O. Yelvington.....	63	12	75	4	.....	2	15	130	16	15 75	6 30	21 00	5 25	3 50	70
Corona.....	J. H. Brittan.....	15	4	19	1	1	1	16	30	11	14 85	5 94	10 80	4 98	3 30	.....
Santa Ana.....	B. C. Johnson.....	37	10	47	.....	.....	1	17	25	7	10 85	4 14	13 80	3 43	2 30	.....
Garden Grove.....	E. T. Layne.....	20	3	23	2	2	1	2	29	5	9 70	1 08	3 60	2 60	1 60	12
San Diego.....	Mrs. S. Anna Grant.....	16	2	18	2	1	1	2	29	5	9 70	1 08	3 60	2 60	1 60	12
Escondido and Valley Center.....	D. D. Dodge.....	12	.....	12	1	1	1	8	25	3	4 95	1 98	6 60	1 65	1 10	22
Imperial Valley.....	E. P. Robb.....	8	1	9	1	1	1	8	25	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Arizona District																
Phoenix.....	D. C. Lamson, District Elder	35	12	47	4	1	1	10	100	20	12 15	4 86	12 16	4 05	2 70	54
Liberty.....	D. C. Lamson.....	16	2	18	2	1	1	9	66	6	7 20	2 88	2 60	2 40	1 60	32
Cochise County.....	D. C. Lamson.....	5	.....	5	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	30	1 80	6 00	1 50	1 00	20
Total.....		797	124	921	35	21	20	197	1452	254	\$ 306 34	\$ 116 48	\$ 393 96	\$ 101 15	\$ 77 50	\$ 10 72

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Mission- ary Claims	Woman's For- eign Missionary Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
Los Angeles District															
Los Angeles, First Church.....	21 90	\$ 408 40	\$ 10 76	\$ 10 40	\$ 140 00	\$84 70	950 00	\$ 120 00	\$ 116 05	\$ 174 57	1	15000	1	\$ 10000	
Los Angeles, Second Church.....	21 00	1163 07	4 25	4 85	375 00	6 40	920 65	216 00	30 21	82 00	1	10000	1	2500	
Hermosa and New York Valley.....	10 00	164 64	1 06	1 50	128 59	9 55	625 00	182 00	105 90	58 58	1	8000	1	2500	
Whittier and Lamanda Park.....	55 50	288 65	1 06	1 50	44 07	1 85	455 00	162 50	91 85	65 36	1	3400	1	1200	
Whittier.....	138 06	138 06	1 00	1 00	50 00	2 05	400 00	120 00	71 61	25 00	1	1750	1	1750	
Swatelle.....	2 00	63 73	1 50	1 00	40 00	1 25	433 78	84 00	25 72	.....	1	1000	1	1000
Watts and Compton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Long Beach.....	.....	25 86	1 00	1 00	51 00	85	181 02	60 00	24 90	34 90	1	2000	1	200
Montevia.....	.....	100 00	3 27	3 14	70 00	1 50	582 23	137 50	52 16	20 00	1	2500	1	2500
Pomona and Chino.....	.....	4 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sanland.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nipoma, Los Beros and Santa Marta.....	.....	4 90	.....	.....	.....	16 00	.....	.....	8 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Riverside District															
Riverside.....	26 15	27 64	1 00	3 30	45 50	75	437 12	145 00	31 31	57 83	2	1800	.....	.....
Ontario and Bethel.....	65 90	65 90	.....	.....	65 00	1 75	573 03	.....	58 21	121 26	.....	5000	.....	.....
Corona.....	12 15	12 15	.....	.....	27 50	.....	.....	.....	23 40	111 40	1	4000	.....	.....
Santa Ana.....	62 07	62 07	.....	.....	27 50	1 65	575 25	165 00	67 64	111 40	1	4000	.....	3000
Garden Grove.....	37 90	37 90	2 50	.....	18 66	1 15	395 57	84 00	31 00	29 82	1	1000	.....	1000
San Diego.....	27 48	30	.....	.....	21 38	30	162 63	60 00	25 35	.....	1	6000	.....	2500
Escondido and Valley Center.....	.....	21 38	.....	.....	21 38	55	23 50	.....	28 20	31 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Imperial Valley.....	.....	2 95	2 70	.....	.....	.....	16 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Arizona District															
Phoenix.....	.....	150 20	.....	.....	90 00	1 35	620 00	300 00	6 22	175 00	1	3200	1	1800
Liberty.....	.....	16 80	.....	.....	32 00	.....	276 30	20 00	10 16	30 00	1	1000	1	200
Cochise County.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	18 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	\$164 03	\$ 287 45	\$ 23 44	\$ 30 39	\$1353 14	\$60 31	\$ 821 84	\$1896 00	\$ 954 90	\$1058 66	18	\$ 71150	13	\$ 30550	

COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Seventeenth Annual Session, held at St. John, Washington, April 10-14, 1912

OFFICERS

W. T. HOGUE, *President*
J. E. BRADLEY, *Secretary* GEO. T. KLEIN, *Assistant Secretary*
GEO. T. KLEIN, *Treasurer* H. S. SMITH, *Auditor*
N. W. FINK, *Sunday-school Secretary*

COMMITTEES

On Nominations—F. E. Pond, E. W. Achilles, S. M. Smith.
On Public Worship—W. T. Hogue, E. W. Achilles, J. W. Goode.
On Publications—Ira D. Brown, M. L. Schooley, S. M. Smith.
On Education—F. E. Pond, George T. Klein, Frank Vanansdale.
On Sunday-schools—George T. Klein, J. K. Mumau.
On Reforms—M. L. Schooley, Guy Denney, E. M. Norris.
To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.
On the State of the Work—The district elders.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—George T. Klein, Minnie Scott, S. S. Parris.
To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—Guy Denney.
On Complimentary Resolutions—The secretaries.
On Conference Missions—The stationing committee.
On Claimants and Claims—W. T. Hogue, E. W. Achilles, F. E. Pond, S. S. Parris, E. Nelson.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

E. W. Achilles, president; F. E. Pond, secretary; H. S. Smith, treasurer; J. K. Mumau; S. S. Parris.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

George T. Klein, for five years; E. W. Achilles, for four years; F. E. Pond, for three years; J. E. Bradley, for two years; Guy Denney, for one year.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

<i>On Education</i> —J. E. Bradley.	<i>On State of the Work</i> —The district elders.
<i>On Sunday-schools</i> —Ira D. Brown.	<i>Committee to Arrange for the Incorporation of the Conference</i> —E. W. Achilles, J. E. Bradley.
<i>On Publications</i> —Guy Denney.	
<i>On Reforms</i> —M. L. Schooley.	

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions, Bishops' Salaries. Second quarter, Conference Claimants, Permanent Fund. Third quarter, Church Extension, Foreign Missions. Fourth quarter, Conference Missions (25 cents); General Conference Delegates Expenses; General Conference Entertainment Fund.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. H. Luella Beamish, president, 1810 East Mallon avenue, Spokane, Washington; Mrs. S. M. Smith, vice-president, Penawawa, Washington; Mrs.

Edna Pond, corresponding secretary, Colville, Washington; Mrs. F. E. Pond, recording secretary, Caldwell, Idaho.
 Raised by the W. F. M. S., \$510.00.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

E. W. Achilles,
 F. E. Pond,
 J. E. Bradley,
 E. M. Norris,
 J. K. Mumau.

J. S. Bradley,
 E. H. Start,
 Ira Brown,
 J. W. Goode,

A. M. Bean,
 Guy Denney,
 George T. Klein,
 M. L. Schooley,

DELEGATES

George Rhodes,
 Edward Nelson,
 S. M. Smith,
 S. S. Parris,
 Delphia Achilles,
 Leah Dickey.

Mattie Edmonds,
 Lela Dawson,
 August Pearson,
 Frank Vanansdale,
 H. Luella Beamish,

Harry Pond,
 Minnie Scott,
 Ella C. Klein,
 W. J. Bennett,
 Albert Dygert,

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. T. Hogue, E. W. Achilles, F. E. Pond, S. S. Parris, Edward Nelson.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Wm. H. Payne, Robert Washburn, M. M. Cook.

4. Who remain on trial? M. L. Root.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? None.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? Ira Brown, J. W. Goode.

8. Who have been located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? None.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? J. S. Bradley.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? None.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? R. L. Pickett.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? W. H. Boddy.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed (except one recorded above as withdrawn).

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistical table.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? J. S. Bradley, \$150; Lenora Edwards, \$75.

22. What amount is necessary for us to raise towards defraying the expenses of delegates to the general conference? See treasurer's report.

23. What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied? See treasurer's report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Colville, Washington, as near the first Wednesday in April, 1913, as consistent with the plans of the bishop who may preside.

APPOINTMENTS

SPOKANE DISTRICT—E. W. ACHILLES, District Elder, 1813 East Cataldo avenue, Spokane, Washington.

Spokane.....J. E. Bradley, 1823 East Mallopp avenue, Spokane, Washington
 Tyler and Graham.....Wm. H. Payne, Tyler, "
 Clark's ForkTo be supplied
 Sprague and Harrington.....J. W. Goode, Harrington, Washington
 Coeur d' Alene.....To be supplied
 Tekoa and Summervale.....E. M. Norris, Tekoa, Washington
 St. John.....N. W. Fink, supply, St. John, "
 MoscowTo be supplied
 Cloverland.....M. M. Cook, Cloverland, Washington
 Penawawa and Colfax.....J. K. Munau, Penawawa, "
 Waterman and Weston Mountain.....Guy Denney, Athena, Oregon
 Kalispell.....George T. Klein, Ella C. Klein, supply, 225 West 4th
 street, Kalispell, Montana.
 Lewiston.....Mrs. Henrietta Bohr, supply, Lewiston, Montana
 Sanders and Emida.....To be supplied
 M. L. Schooley, evangelist, 225 West 4th street, Kalispell, Montana: E. W.
 Achilles, member of Spokane district quarterly conference.

COLVILLE DISTRICT—E. W. ACHILLES, District Elder.

Colville and Orin.....A. Smith, supply
 Chewelah.....Robert Washburn, Chewelah, Washington
 Daisy, Maud and Dunn.....A. Bean
 Murray Flat.....G. S. Popd, supply, Colville, Washington
 Kettle Falls and Orient.....To be supplied
 J. S. Bradley, superannuated, Daisy, Washington.

BOISE DISTRICT—F. E. POND, District Elder.

Boise and Eagle.....Ira D. Brown, Esther Brown, supply, Boise, Idaho
 Deer Flat.....M. L. Root, Deer Flat, Idaho
 Caldwell and Parma.....F. E. Pond, Caldwell, Idaho

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Esther Brown.

Ella C. Klein.

H. Luella Beamish..

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$62.10.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed and paid, \$74.52.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—Assessed and paid, \$186.30.

PERMANENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$20.70.

CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed and paid, \$41.40.

GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—Assessed and paid, \$8.28.

DELEGATES' EXPENSES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE—Assessed and paid, \$20.70.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Paid, \$61.14

EDUCATIONAL FUND—Paid, 20 cents.

CHILDREN'S FUND—Paid, \$2.47.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Paid, \$12.85.

Conference Missions Fund disbursed as follows: To M. L. Root, \$25;
 to F. E. Pond, \$10; to N. W. Fink, \$16.14; to Ira D. Brown, \$10. Received
 from general treasurer and paid to conference claimants, \$225. Raised to
 publish the minutes, \$21.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Columbia River conference held its seventeenth annual session at St. John, Washington, April 10-14, 1912. There were five business sittings in all, each of which was marked by the manifest presence of the Lord. A spirit of harmony prevailed throughout.

The preaching services were times of spiritual power and victory. A number were saved and sanctified. The preachers and pilgrims received renewed courage and inspiration for the conflicts and labors of another year.

We were greatly pleased to have our beloved bishop, W. T. Hogue, with us again. He seemed like one raised from the dead. He presided over the conference with his usual ability.

We are always glad to have the publishing house represented at our annual session. This was done in a commendable manner by Mrs. Hogue, whom we were all pleased to see once more.

COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE RECORD

Session	PLACE	TIME	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	DISTRICT ELDERS
1	Spokane, Wash.	April 2, 1896	G. W. Coleman	F. W. Cathey	J. C. Scott
2	Colfax, "	Mar. 31, 1897	B. R. Jones	F. W. Cathey	J. C. Scott, F. W. Cathey
3	Colfax, "	May 4, 1898	E. P. Hart	J. D. Cook	J. D. Cook, F. W. Cathey
4	Athena, Oregon	Mar. 29, 1899	E. P. Hart	B. H. Alberts	J. D. Cook, G. R. Stamp
5	St. John, Wash.	April 4, 1900	G. W. Coleman	B. H. Alberts	G. R. Stamp
6	Spokane, "	April 17, 1901	W. A. Sellew	B. H. Alberts	G. R. Stamp
7	Spokane, "	May 14, 1902	B. R. Jones	B. H. Alberts	E. W. Achilles
8	Tekoa, "	April 12, 1903	E. P. Hart	B. H. Alberts	E. W. Achilles
9	Spokane, "	April 6, 1904	W. T. Hogue	B. H. Alberts	P. H. Griggs, E. W. Achilles
10	Athena, Oregon	April 19, 1905	E. P. Hart	B. H. Alberts	P. H. Griggs, E. W. Achilles
11	Spokane, Wash.	April 4, 1906	E. P. Hart	J. E. Bradley	Albert Bean, D. D. Dodge
12	Spokane, "	April 24, 1907	B. R. Jones	J. E. Bradley	Albert Bean, D. D. Dodge
13	Colville, "	April 15, 1908	W. T. Hogue	J. E. Bradley	A. M. Bean, E. W. Achilles
14	Spokane, "	April 7, 1909	W. A. Sellew	J. E. Bradley	A. M. Bean, E. W. Achilles
15	Tekoa, "	April 20, 1910	Alexander Beers	J. E. Bradley	E. W. Achilles
16	Spokane, "	April 5, 1911	William Pearce	J. E. Bradley	E. W. Achilles, F. E. Pond
17	St. John, "	April 10, 1912	W. T. Hogue	J. E. Bradley	E. W. Achilles, F. E. Pond

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Mission- ary Claim	Woman's For- eign Missionary Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Precbeters' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re- ceipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
Spokane District															
Spokane	\$ 3 40		\$ 97 75		\$ 2 00	\$ 85 00	\$ 3 40	\$ 550 80	\$ 180 00	\$ 103 73	\$ 150 00	1	\$ 3500	1	\$ 2000
Penawawa and Colfax.....	1 15		153 49			60 00	1 75	250 00		124 00	122 49	2	2000	1	700
Sanders and Emida.....	85						85	89 48		46 00				1	500
Athens and Weston Mountain.....	65	\$ 11 21					85	523 75		80 00				1	1300
Sprague and Harrington.....	85						65	812 92	110 00	85 80	30 00	1	1300		
Tekoa and Summervale.....	95		2 15			32 89	85	316 00		47 20	19 25	1	1000	1	500
St. John	60	8 10	34 60			25 99	95	389 55	36 00	51 20	32 50	1	1800	1	800
Cloverland	60	20 35				28 00	60	400 52	40 00	68 28		1	2000	1	2500
Kalispell and Lasalle.....	1 15					27 78	1 15	449 59	180 00	57 50	83 25	1	2500	1	300
Tyler and Graham.....	1 60							300 21	38 00	40 00	38 00	1	700	1	800
Clark's Fork.....	25					47 87	25	231 50	60 00	14 00		1			
Moscow	70														
Colville District															
Colville	3 15		89 15			68 36	3 75	698 95		100 50		2	2000		
Murray Flat						13 07		107 00		32 00		1	300		
Kettle Falls and Orient.....	60	7 80	2 00			40 66	60	374 00	120 00	61 68	68 38	1	1000	1	1000
Cheweleah	1 00	15	10	20	15	23 50	1 00	287 55	72 00	55 88	40 30	1	1000	1	1200
Boise District															
Boise	1 10		39 00			26 30	1 10	512 64		60 60	17 80				
Baldwell			2 20					124 28		18 85					
Deer Flat				5 00		20 00	65	135 30		34 44	56 75	1	2000		
Parna	50						45	12 00		6 50					
Total	\$ 18 45	\$ 47 61	\$ 420 44	\$ 5 20	\$ 2 47	\$ 505 72	\$ 18 95	\$ 6318 33	\$ 894 00	\$ 1111 11	\$ 653 72	16	\$ 21900	10	\$ 10800

PLATTE RIVER CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Sixteenth Annual Session, held at Sargent,
Nebraska, August 21-25, 1912

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President*
J. L. DODGE, *Secretary* W. I. FARNHAM, *Assistant Secretary*
C. H. FOE, *Statistical Secretary* K. THOMAS, *Sunday-school Secretary*
J. L. DODGE, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

- On Public Worship*—W. A. Sellew, W. I. Farnham, J. L. Dodge, F. E. Eaton, J. M. Messer.
On Sabbath-schools—K. Thomas, F. A. Davis, W. R. Todd, Eliza Raish, Sarah Bennett, Lillian Johnson, W. A. Stevens, G. B. Chase.
On Publications—A. J. McKinney, C. H. Foe, A. Stedwell, A. A. Peterson, C. Capellen, G. E. Reynolds, Ray Ham.
On Reforms—F. E. Eaton, D. Reck, B. B. Orr, C. Hauxwell, J. M. Paris, A. C. Calhoun, M. V. Hawk.
On Education—D. J. Brenneman, W. I. Farnham, B. B. Orr, K. Thomas, O. J. Bowley, Wilbur Jones, Ali Flint, Owen Beauchamp.
On Charities—J. W. McIrvin, F. E. Eaton, W. A. Stevens, L. E. Fisher, Edna Wade.
On the State of the Work—The district elders.
On Conference Missions—The stationing committee.
On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.
To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—C. H. Sawyer.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—George Vogt, J. W. McIrvin, Adrian Hodson, Ida Hornberger.
To Nominate Trustees for Orleans Seminary—J. L. Dodge, C. H. Foe, F. E. Eaton, G. E. Reynolds, A. A. Peterson.
On Complimentary Resolutions—W. I. Farnham.
On Claimants and Claims—W. A. Sellew, J. L. Dodge, W. I. Farnham, W. A. Stevens, A. C. Calhoun.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

F. E. Eaton, president; C. H. Foe, secretary; A. A. Peterson, treasurer; F. A. Davis, A. C. Calhoun.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

F. E. Eaton, five years; J. L. Dodge, president, four years; George Vogt, three years; K. Thomas, two years; W. I. Farnham, secretary, one year.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF EDUCATION

A. J. McKinney, K. Thomas, J. W. McIrvin, D. J. Brenneman, G. E. Reynolds.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Sabbath-schools—F. E. Eaton, *On Reforms*—A. J. McKinney,
On Publications—K. Thomas, *On Education*—J. L. Dodge.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions (48 cents), General Missions (15 cents);

second quarter, Church Extension (10 cents), General Conference Delegates' Expense (5 cents), Foreign Missions; third quarter, Bishops' Salaries (18 cents), Treasurer's Expense (2 cents), General Conference Entertainment Fund (2 cents); fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund (45 cents), Permanent Fund (5 cents), Education; total, \$1.50.

CONFERENCE TREASURER

J. L. Dodge, Lock box 66, Orleans, Nebraska.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. Lucy McKinney, Sargent, Nebraska; first vice-president, Mrs. Carrie Eaton, North Platte, Nebraska; second vice-president, Mrs. Laura Tinker, Polk, Nebraska; recording secretary, Miss Florence McNees, Orleans, Nebraska; corresponding secretary, Miss Ida Hornberger, Bladen, Nebraska; treasurer, Mrs. Nancy Gaddis, Orleans, Nebraska; superintendent of Junior work, Miss Lillian Johnson, Central City, Nebraska.

ADDRESSES

Rev. L. G. Lewis, Principal, Orleans Seminary.....	Orleans, Nebraska
Rev. F. C. Easton, Assistant Principal, Orleans Seminary..	Orleans, "
Rev. Kersey Thomas, Sunday-school Secretary.....	Bartley, "
A. Dowd.....	Bladen, Nebraska
G. W. Woogerd.....	Orleans, "
G. E. Bennett.....	Arcadia, "
J. K. Lydic.....	Curtis, "
B. B. Orr.....	Orleans, Nebraska
A. Stedwell.....	Kearney, "
V. D. Rickard....	Lewellen, "

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

C. H. Sawyer,	A. Stedwell,	David Reck,
F. E. Eaton,	K. Thomas,	G. W. Johnston,
J. L. Dodge,	W. R. Todd,	G. W. Woogerd,
W. I. Farnham,	J. W. McIrvine,	B. B. Orr,
C. H. Foe,	F. A. Davis,	A. Dowd,
George Vogt,	M. V. Hawk,	L. D. Clevenger,
A. J. McKinney,	J. M. Messer,	G. E. Bennett.

DELEGATES

G. E. Reynolds,	Ida Hornberger,	J. M. Paris,
G. B. Chase,	Ali Flint,	W. A. Stevens,
Wilbur Jones,	Lillian Johnson,	Adrian Hodson,
A. A. Peterson,	Eliza Raish,	O. J. Bowley,
Sarah Bennett,	Christina Capellen,	Owen Beauchamp,
A. C. Calhoun,	Edna Wade,	L. E. Fisher,
C. C. Hauxwell,	Ray Ham,	D. J. Brenneman.

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. A. Sellew, J. L. Dodge, W. I. Farnham, F. E. Eaton, C. Hauxwell, W. A. Stevens, A. C. Calhoun.

3. None.

4. Who remain on trial? C. R. Volgamore, J. K. Lydic, A. F. Smith, A. A. Chambers, V. D. Rickard, H. E. Moore.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? J. M. Messer, M. V. Hawk, on a certificate of location given by this conference.

6. Who are the deacons? M. V. Hawk, G. E. Bennett, L. D. Clevenger, J. M. Messer (ordained this year); local deacons, D. E. Dodge, H. R. Lucore, C. Hauxwell, A. F. Smith, Adrian Hodson, D. J. Brenneman, A. C. Calhoun.

7. None.
8. None.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? B. B. Orr, G. E. Bennett, J. K. Lydic, V. D. Rickard.
10. None.
11. None.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? J. M. Eggers, under complaints; S. S. Cameron.
13. None.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.
15. None.
- 16-23. See statistical report.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? In the bounds of the Orleans district, as near the last of August as will suit the convenience of the bishops.

MISCELLANEOUS

The conference was most hospitably entertained by the Ansley district, in connection with a camp-meeting, in a fine grove just west of town.

Bishop W. A. Sellow presided with his usual ability. His wise and godly counsels, and his clear, scriptural preaching, marked with an unusual degree of spirituality, were an inspiration and help to all the saints.

Seekers came to the altar at most of the preaching services, and, evidently, some good work was done. A number were saved or sanctified wholly.

About \$800 was raised on the grounds, including liberal offerings for the district elder and pastor; \$60 for Sister Ekberg, who is dying with creeping paralysis; a liberal amount for foreign missions; \$300 for Orleans Seminary; \$200 for the new church in Sargent, dedicated by Bishop Sellow Sunday afternoon; and some for other purposes.

APPOINTMENTS

ORLEANS DISTRICT—J. L. DODGE, District Elder, Orleans, Nebraska.

Orleans and Atlanta.....	To be supplied
Alma and Republican.....	.....
.....	Florence McNeas, William Harvey, supplies, Orleans, Nebraska
Edison and Oxford.....	G. W. Johnston, Etta Johnston, supply, Edison, "
Beaver City and Precept.....	G. B. Chase, supply, Edison, "
Bladen and Cowles.....	J. W. McIrvin, Bladen, "
Minden and Newark.....	T. H. Hendren, supply, Minden, "
Giltner and Hastings.....	W. R. Todd, Giltner, "

J. L. Dodge, member Orleans district conference; B. B. Orr, supernumerary; A. Stedwell, evangelist; A. Dowd, G. W. Woogerd, L. D. Clevenger, left without appointment.

CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT—J. L. DODGE, District Elder.

Cambridge and Earl.....	C. H. Sawyer, Cambridge, Nebraska
Bartley and Indianola.....	C. H. Hauxwell, supply, Indianola, "
Wilsonville and Lebanon.....	M. A. Richard, supply, Cambridge, "
Curtis and Wellfleet.....	K. Thomas, Cambridge, "
Hayes Center and Rain.....	H. E. Moore, Mary Moore, supply, Rain, "
Chase and Rollwitz.....	G. E. Hartman, supply, Chase, "

J. K. Lydic, supernumerary.

CENTRAL CITY DISTRICT—W. I. FARNHAM, District Elder, Ericson, Nebraska

Central City and Palmer, W. H. Lee, Lulu Lee, supplies, Central City, Nebraska
 Polk and Hordville.....Laura K. Tinker, supply, Polk, "
 St. Paul and Horace.....Fremont A. Davis, Cotesfield, "
 Albion and Belgrade.....David Reck, Albion, "
 Ericson and Burwell.....Adrian Hodson, supply, Ericson, "
 Spalding, Bartlett and Bonanza....."
A. A. Chambers, Celia Chambers, supply, Spalding, "

W. I. Farnham, member Central City district conference; George Vogt, evangelist; S. S. Cameron, withdrawn from church.

ANSLEY DISTRICT—W. I. FARNHAM, District Elder

Ansley and Mason.....M. V. Hawk, Ansley, Nebraska
 Sargent and Comstock.....A. J. McKinney, Sargent, "
 Walworth and Milburn.....To be supplied
 Ravenna and Litchfield.....C. H. Foe, Arcadia, Nebraska
 Loup City and Clear Creek.....Sarah Bennett, supply, Arcadia, "
 G. E. Bennett, supernumerary.

NORTH PLATTE DISTRICT—F. E. EATON, District Elder, North Platte, Nebraska

North Platte.....J. M. Messer, North Platte, Nebraska
 Gandy, Whittier and Ford.....A. F. Smith, Gandy, "
 Lewellen and Hillsdale.....D. J. Brenneman, supply, Lewellen, "
 Valley Range and Chandler.....E. E. Crippen, supply
 Grant County.....C. R. Volgamore, Garden, Nebraska
 Bridgeport and Bayard.....To be supplied
 V. D. Rickard, supernumerary; J. M. Eggers, withdrawn under complaints.

LOCAL ELDERS

R. F. Johnston...Cambridge, Nebraska A. D. Sprouse.....Orleans, Nebraska
 J. W. Thomas.....Alliance, Nebraska

LOCAL DEACONS

D. E. Dodge.....Orleans, Nebraska H. R. Lucore.....Hastings, Nebraska
 C. Hauxwell.....Indianola, " Adrian Hodson.....Ericson, "
 *D. J. Brenneman, Lewellen, " *A. C. Calhoun.....Gandy, "

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Etta Johnston, Edison, Nebraska Mrs. Rosetta Ekberg, Orleans, Ne-
 Mrs. Lizzie T. Orr, Orleans, " braska
 Mrs. Celia Chambers, Spalding, Ne- Miss Florence McNeas, Orleans, Ne-
 braska braska
 Mrs. Anna Northrup, Albion, Nebraska Mrs. Sarah Bennett, Arcadia, Nebraska
 Miss Rebecca Debord, Arcadia, Ne- Miss Olive Foe.....Cowles, "
 braska Miss Alice Elison, Ansley, "
 Miss Florence Elison, Ansley, Nebraska

*Ordained this year.

LOCAL PREACHERS

W. H. Lee....Central City, Nebraska	T. H. Hendren.....Minden, Nebraska
G. B. Chase.....Edison, "	G. E. Hartman.....Chase, "
Wm. Harvey.....Orleans, "	M. A. Richard...Cambridge, "
J. H. Anderson, Central City, "	T. F. Forbes.....Rollwitz, "
G. G. Rhodes.....Orleans, "	Festus Mousley....Orleans, "
Lawrence Davis, Beatrice, "	Owen Beauchamp, Bayard, "
H. F. York.....Haxton, Colorado	

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Mary Moore....Rain, Nebraska	Mrs. Zetta Holland..Minden, Nebraska
Mrs. Carrie Eaton, North Platte, Nebraska	Mrs. Lulu Lee, Central City, Nebraska
Mrs. Bertha Calhoun, Gandy, Nebraska	Mrs. Eliza Raish, Sargent, "
Mrs. Nettie Robertson, Bridgeport, Nebraska	Mrs. Christina Capellen, Hazard, Nebraska
	Miss Minnie Heldt, Stamford, Nebraska
Mrs. Lillie York....Haxton, Colorado	

TREASURER'S REPORT

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—Assessed and paid, \$195.75.
BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed and paid, \$78.30.
GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$65.25.
CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed and paid, \$43.50.
PERMANENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$21.75.
GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATE—Assessed and paid, \$21.75.
GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—Assessed and paid, \$8.70.
CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Assessed, \$240.48; paid, \$179.97.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON STATE OF THE WORK

During the past year this work has been carried on under the difficulties which usually attend it and, in addition to these, that of an unusually hard winter. The extreme severity of the weather during many months of the year interfered with the holding of revival meetings and the condition of the roads made it difficult for pilgrims from a distance to reach some of the district quarterly meetings.

Because of these and other things there has not been so aggressive a type of evangelism on our circuits as was desirable. We have held our own and a little better, slight losses in some places being offset by small gains in others. Our membership has increased perceptibly.

The North Platte district is a large field, and an open one. The people are calling for preaching and conditions are very favorable for our people. If we do not enter the open door some one else will. We believe, on the whole, that the Platte River conference is on the upgrade.

One valuable church has been built during the year, and steps have been taken toward two others. Four camp-meetings and two tent-meetings were held.

Some things have hindered us, such as: 1. Lack of financial support for pastors. Nearly all the preachers have received too little to live upon, and because of it their attention has been distracted from the work of the Lord to a serious extent.

2. A lack of interest in our work, generally, has been manifested by failure to attend quarterly and district meetings, indifference to our missionary interests, and neglect to push our Sabbath-school work.

If the official members on the circuits will do their whole duty as set forth in Paragraph 196 of our Discipline, the support of pastors will be made sufficient to maintain our preachers in the work of saving souls. All our preachers should practise tithing and faithfully preach it to their congregations the same as other important issues. Both circuits and preachers should work to the end that pastors may avoid the necessity of resorting to secular labor for support.

We need a higher degree of aggressive evangelism, especially on the part of our preachers in pushing out into new fields, taking up more appointments and giving more attention to pastoral visiting.

On these various lines let us all "come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty," and we will see a gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit and increase of spirituality, an enlargement of our borders and souls added to the church. Amen.

II.—ON EDUCATION

No argument is necessary to convince us, as Americans, that an education is an essential to good citizenship. The public school itself is sufficient proof. It is only the fool or fanatic that will insist that our children ought to have no better opportunities than they or their fathers had half a century ago.

The mind needs food and training just as much as the body. The spiritual nature of man must likewise be fed. Deprive a child of food, sunlight and exercise, and the result will be a dwarfed, weakened body. Deprive him of mental food and exercise and you will have on your hands a mental dwarf, an imbecile, if you please. Deprive him of suitable spiritual food and moral training, and the result will be an overgrown baby, never able to stand strong meat. "Ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." The heathen strive to develop the physical man. Civilization aims at mental training, as well. The function of the church is that of moral and spiritual growth. These three are necessary to the rearing of a complete manhood.

The church recognizes that she is responsible for her future welfare and to this end her present duty is the symmetrical development of her youth.

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Our public schools are good in their sphere, that of creating a patriotic American citizenship, but this is not sufficient; our citizenship is in heaven and to this end must the church put forth her most earnest efforts.

We cannot afford to entrust our youths in the hands of skeptics, atheists, materialists, higher critics, and the many teachers of scores of other heterodoxical views, with which our public schools and colleges are flooded, for this would prove to be the greatest bane, if not the absolute doom, to Free Methodism.

An infidel or a Catholic is put at the head of a public school without any questionings whatever, but one who wishes to read a Psalm and repeat the Lord's Prayer before his school, has either the strongest disapproval of his patrons, or is deprived of his position.

Therefore we cannot too strongly urge that every Free Methodist give to all our educational institutions, not only their approval, but their most hearty support.

We, especially thank God for Orleans Seminary. We, the Platte River conference, are responsible for her. She is our own offspring, the child of many tears. Many prayers have ascended on her behalf. Let us stand by her. She is an honor to us, and whatever the Platte River conference may be, is largely due to her influence. Let us not allow her to suffer from a lack of means or pupils.

We recommend Greenville College and Evansville Seminary, as the most suitable schools for those of this conference who are seeking an education over and above high school work.

We further recommend that our young preachers pay due attention to the course of study as outlined in the Free Methodist Discipline.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PLATTE RIVER CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference (Claim-ants' Fund)	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Mis-sions Claims	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Entertainment
Orleans District	J. L. Dodge, District Elder	61	3	64	4	2	1	0	60	1	24 30	9 72	9 42	8 10	5 40	1 08
	A. L. McKimney	21	1	22	..	1	1	7	15	3	3 17	3 42	..	2 85	1 90	38
	W. H. Ford	29	1	30	..	1	1	1	15	3	17 55	7 02	14 00	5 85	3 90	78
	J. W. McIrvine	19	2	21	..	1	1	4	15	4	6 75	2 70	5 20	2 25	1 50	30
	G. B. Chase, supply	17	1	18	..	1	1	2	6	3	10 80	4 32	9 00	3 60	2 40	48
	T. H. Hadden, supply	23	1	24	..	2	2	..	..	3	5 40	2 16	4 26	1 80	1 20	24
	J. L. Dodge	12	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	J. L. Dodge, District Elder	30	1	31	3	1	2	14	60	6	15 30	6 12	16 80	5 10	3 40	68
	K. K. Thomas	11	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	5	5 83	2 34	1 74	1 95	1 30	26
	J. K. Lydic, .. supplies	9	..	9	2	2	1	5	15	5	4 43	3 52	3 78	3 35	2 10	42
Central City District	H. E. and M. C. Moore	25	3	28	..	..	..	..	..	3	4 43	1 62	4 32	3 13	2 10	42
	J. L. Dodge	10	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	4 00	..	..	..	..	18
	A. F. Smith	13	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	W. I. Farnham, District Elder	17	2	19	2	1	1	5	15	4	7 20	2 88	5 43	2 40	1 60	32
	W. H. and Lulu Lee, sup.	15	3	18	..	1	7	30	9	4	5 85	2 34	9 24	1 95	1 30	26
	C. H. Sawyer	19	1	20	1	2	10	45	4	4	8 10	3 24	9 60	2 70	1 80	26
	W. I. Farnham	14	..	14	..	2	10	30	4	4	5 85	2 34	6 24	1 95	1 30	26
	F. A. Davis	13	14	27	1	1	1	5	24	3	6 60	3 60	..	3 00	2 00	40
	David Reek, .. supply	18	1	19	..	1	1	6	33	5	45	18	8 00	15	10	02
	A. A. and C. Chambers	18	1	19	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ansley District	W. I. Farnham, District Elder	19	..	19	1	2	..	..	..	3	9 00	3 60	4 60	3 00	2 00	40
	C. H. Foe	15	..	15	..	2	..	..	..	7	7 20	2 88	4 68	2 40	1 60	32
	W. H. Messer	7	2	9	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
	W. I. Farnham	9	..	9	..	2	1	5	20	3	2 70	1 08	2 88	90	60	12
	S. H. Bennett, supply	14	3	17	2	1	..	..	..	6	9 00	3 60	..	3 00	2 00	40
	B. B. Orr, Lizzie T. Orr, supply	14	3	17	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	W. I. Farnham, District Elder	9	1	10	2	2	..	..	..	3	3 60	1 44	7 84	1 20	80	16
	G. E. Harman, supply	8	13	21	2	1	1	3	30	4	4 00	1 80	5 28	1 50	1 00	20
	F. E. Eaton	9	..	9	..	1	1	5	20	4	4 05	1 62	5 28	1 35	90	18
	V. D. Rickard	8	..	8	1	1	..	..	..	1	1 80	72	2 40	60	40	08
North Platte District	C. R. McKee, supply	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	C. R. Volgamore	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13 18	2 16	38 36	..	..	..
	Grant at conference	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	North Platte	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Gandy, Whittier and Ford	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Levelien and Hillsdale	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Bridgeport and Baird	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Grant County	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Raised at conference	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Total	440	51	491	25	23	20	108	472	127	\$ 195 75	\$ 78 30	\$ 179 97	\$ 65 25	\$ 43 50	\$ 8 70

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PLATTE RIVER CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Mission- ary Claim	Woman's For- eign Missionary Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Deacons' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
Orleans District															
Orleans	2 70	.....	\$ 78 56	.....	.....	\$ 37 24	2 70	\$ 400 00	\$ 45 00	\$ 80 00	\$ 51 50	2	\$ 1600	1	\$ 900
Alma, Republican and Atlanta ..	95	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	95	77 80	35 00	22 45	20 80	2	2000	1	1000
Edison and Oxford	1 95	6 00	.....	.....	.....	19 65	1 95	187 35	.....	36 95	50 00	1	1000	.....	.....
Beaver City and Precept	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	75	77 43	.....	26 45	.....	1	1000	.....	.....
Bladen, Covles and Minden	1 20	.....	14 36	.....	.....	11 00	1 20	274 15	.....	53 05	106 87	1	1200	.....	.....
Giltner and Hastings	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	22 50	.....	1	500	.....	.....
Cambridge District															
Cambridge, Earl and Bartley	1 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 13	1 70	32 00	25 00	46 50	.....	3	4000	1	1000
Curtis and Wellbeet	65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	65 00	.....	32 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clayce Center and Rain	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45	.....	.....	23 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chase and Rollwitz	1 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 05	75 00	.....	31 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wilsonville and Lebanon	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45	250 00	60 00	32 50	.....	.....	.....	1	600
Central City District															
Central City and Palmer	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	80	260 00	110 00	26 40	.....	1	1800	1	1200
Polk and Horville	65	3 75	25 57	.....	.....	13 59	65	416 32	100 00	67 57	20 00	1	1200	.....	.....
Ericson and Burwell	90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90	72 73	.....	35 40	.....	1	1200	.....	.....
St. Paul and Horace	65	.....	.....	.....	3 09	18 00	65	211 34	45 00	58 65	.....	1	800	.....	.....
Albion and Belgrade	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	1 00	153 97	168 00	20 38	10 00	2	2500	2	1800
Spalding and Bonanza	05	.....	1 00	.....	2 70	13 38	05	174 93	.....	40 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ansley District															
Ansley and Mason City	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	67 45	52 00	40 06	.....	.....	.....	1	1500
Sargent and Comstock	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	275 00	130 00	51 76	18 00	1	1500	1	1200
Ravenna and Hazard .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	120 00	12 06	.....	1	1200	.....	.....
Litchfield and Clear Creek	30	3 00	3 00	.....	.....	27 00	30	110 00	.....	20 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Walworth, Broken Bow and Mil- burn	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	135 00	.....	28 00	.....	.....	.....	1	175
North Platte District															
North Platte	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	32 85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Candy, Whittier and Ford	50	15 00	2 00	4 75	.....	6 13	50	.....	.....	96 80	.....	1	1000	1	500
Lewellen and Hillsdale	45	.....	16 00	.....	.....	.....	45	23 75	.....	41 38	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bridgeport and Baird	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	116 00	.....	44 40	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grant County .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Raised at conference .....	.....	.....	143 04	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	\$ 21 75	\$ 27 75	\$ 283 63	\$ 4 75	\$ 5 79	\$ 186 12	\$ 21 75	\$ 3315 22	\$ 600 00	\$ 1024 02	\$ 282 17	17	\$ 18500	14	\$ 12175

WEST IOWA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-eighth Annual Session, held at
Shenandoah, Iowa, August 28-31, 1912

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President*

E. BALLENGER, *Secretary*

I. C. GRABILL, *Assistant Secretary*

F. N. AHERN, *Statistical Secretary*

G. B. INGRAM, *Treasurer*

MAUD WALLACE, *Auditor*

E. BALLENGER, *Sunday-school Secretary*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. A. Sellew, E. Ballenger, D. C. Eddy, D. W. Reed, J. H. Thompson.

On Publications—P. H. Arlington, I. C. Grabill, E. W. Peavey.

On Reforms—D. W. Reed, W. H. Austin, M. L. Bentley, R. Crouse, Bird Bixler.

On Education—D. C. Eddy, G. B. Ingram, J. H. Thompson.

On Sunday-school—F. N. Ahern, W. D. Groesbeck, E. L. Brown, John Strahn, M. D. Nash, Agnes Fees.

On Aggressive Evangelism—D. W. Reed, E. Ballenger, N. S. Huddle.

On Home Missions—The stationing committee.

On Foreign Missions—Maud Wallace, Bertha Brown, Ella Nesler, Ellen Phelps, Florence Manz, M. C. Crippen.

On Quarterly Conference Records—J. F. Mudd, P. H. Arlington, A. W. LaPort.

On State of the Work—The district elders.

On Complimentary Resolutions—I. C. Grabill, D. C. Eddy.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—W. H. Austin.

To Publish the Minutes.—The secretaries.

On Roman Catholicism—P. H. Arlington, E. Ballenger, A. J. Holtzhausen, R. H. Freeman, W. G. Taylor.

On Memoirs—E. Ballenger, D. W. Reed, J. F. Mudd, D. C. Eddy, J. H. Thompson, E. W. Peavey.

On Charities—F. N. Ahern, A. J. Holtzhausen, E. W. Peavey.

On Claimants and Claims—W. A. Sellew, E. Ballenger, D. C. Eddy, M. L. Bentley, J. H. Thompson.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

E. Ballenger, president, two years; J. F. Mudd, one year; G. B. Ingram, secretary, three years.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

E. Ballenger, president; J. H. Thompson, secretary; J. F. Mudd, treasurer; W. H. Austin, M. L. Bentley.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

D. W. Reed, president, three years; G. B. Ingram, secretary, two years; J. F. Bates, treasurer, one year; W. H. Austin, four years; A. Wilder.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—F. N. Ahern,

On Reforms—W. H. Austin,

On Charities—J. F. Mudd,

On Publications—I. C. Grabill,

On State of the Work—District elders,

On Sunday-schools—W. G. Taylor.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions, Church Extension; second quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; third quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Permanent Fund; fourth quarter, Conference Missions (15 cents), General Conference Entertainment Fund (2 cents).

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Maud Wallace, 305 East Chestnut street, Clarinda, Iowa; first vice-president, Bertha Brown, Dunlap, Iowa; second vice-president, Dora Cousins, Shambaugh, Iowa; corresponding secretary, Bertha Brown, Dunlap, Iowa; recording secretary, Mae Vredenburg, 305 East Chestnut street, Clarinda, Iowa; treasurer, Florence Manz, 1204 Clark street, LeMars, Iowa; Junior superintendent, Florence Manz.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

P. H. Arlington,	J. S. Phillips,	George Patrick,
C. G. Cox,	E. Ballenger,	J. F. Mudd,
D. C. Eddy,	W. H. Austin,	I. C. Grabill,
F. N. Ahern,	G. B. Ingram,	A. J. Groesbeck,
D. W. Reed,	W. G. Taylor,	A. J. Holtzhausen.

DELEGATES

R. H. Freeman,	E. W. Peavey,	R. Crouse,
Florence Manz,	Agnes Fees,	Bird Bixler,
J. H. Thompson,	M. D. Nash,	Ella Nesler,
E. L. Brown,	M. L. Bentley,	A. W. LaPort,
M. C. Crippen,	John Strahn,	N. S. Huddle,
Ellen Phelps,	Clara McBride,	Clara Bickford.

2. Who are the stationing committee? Walter A. Sellew, E. Ballenger, D. C. Eddy, M. L. Bentley, J. H. Thompson.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? H. M. Williamson, Maud Wallace.

4. Who remain on trial? Norman Huddle.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? W. D. Groesbeck, F. N. Ahern, W. G. Taylor,

I. C. Grabill, D. W. Reed.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? None.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? C. G. Cox, J. S. Phillips, P. H. Arlington.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? None.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? D. C. Eddy.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

15. Who have died this year? Walter W. Crippen.

16-20. See statistical reports.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? J. S. Phillips, \$40; P. H. Arlington, \$150; Mrs. P. R. Rhamy, \$130; Mrs. Harriet Woof, \$60; Mrs. M. C. Crippen, \$90; total, \$470.

23. See statistical report.
 24. See appointments.
 25. Where, and when, shall our next session be held? The place was left to a committee consisting of E. Ballenger, J. F. Mudd, M. L. Bentley, J. H. Thompson and I. C. Grabill. Time, the second Wednesday in September or as near that date as will suit the plan of the presiding bishop.

APPOINTMENTS

SHENANDOAH DISTRICT—E. BALLENGER, District Elder, Box 356, Shenandoah, Iowa.

Shenandoah, Bingham and Essex.....W. H. Austin, Shenandoah, Iowa
 Hamburg and Knox.....To be supplied
 Council Bluffs.....A. J. Holtzhausen, 1620 Avenue B, Council Bluffs, Iowa
 Dunlap and Bethel.....Bertha Brown, supply, Dunlap, "
 Clarinda and Shambaugh.....
Maud Wallace, 305 East Chestnut street, Clarinda, "
 College Springs and Pleasant Hill.....W. G. Taylor, College Springs, "
 Carbon.....To be supplied
 Gravity, Glasgow and Clearfield.....I. C. Grabill, Gravity, Iowa
 Lorimor and Garden Grove.....Joseph Goaly, supply, Lorimor, "

C. G. Cox, J. S. Phillips and P. H. Arlington, superannuated; D. W. Reed, conference evangelist; D. C. Eddy, given certificate of standing with a view to transfer.

BOONE DISTRICT—J. F. MUDD, District Elder, Boone, Iowa.

Boone, Ogden, Ames and Pleasant Hill.....
Norman Huddle, 523 Clay street, Boone, Iowa
 Polk City and Bethany, W. D. Groesbeck.....Polk, "
 Scranton and Glidden.....To be supplied
 Churdan and Andrew schoolhouse.....To be supplied
 Bear Grove and Coon Rapids....G. B. Ingram, R. F. D., Guthrie Center, Iowa
 Havelock, Plover, Pocahontas and Callon schoolhouse.....
H. M. Williamson, Rolfe, "
 Dakotah City and Humboldt.....To be supplied
 Ft. DodgeTo be supplied
 Correctionville and Kingsley..Henry H. Moore, supply, Correctionville, Iowa
 Sioux City and LeMars.....To be supplied
 Sac City and Steeg Church.....F. N. Ahern, Sac City, Iowa

George Patrick, left without appointment according to paragraph 96 of the Discipline.

TREASURER'S REPORT

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—Assessed, \$188.55; paid, \$176.60; deficit, \$11.90.
 GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed, \$62.85; paid, \$61.95; deficit, ninety cents.
 BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed, \$75.42; paid, \$67.06; deficit, \$8.36.
 PERMANENT FUND—Assessed, \$20.95; paid, \$14.66; deficit, \$6.29.
 CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed, \$41.90; paid, \$41.30; deficit, sixty cents.
 CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Assessed, \$62.85; paid, \$41.55; deficit, \$21.30.
 TOTAL: Assessed, \$452.52; paid, \$403.12; deficit, \$49.40.
 RECEIVED BY PUBLIC COLLECTION AND FROM LORIMOR CIRCUIT—\$50.17.
 BALANCE ON HAND—Seventy-seven cents.
 RAISED FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—\$4.79.
 RAISED FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS—\$18.90.
 RAISED FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS BY W. F. M. S.—\$40.74.
 CHILDREN'S FUND—\$4.32.

MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-eighth session of the West Iowa conference was held at Shenandoah, Iowa, August 28-31. Bishop Walter A. Sellow presided with ability and grace highly pleasing to all. His sermons and addresses were very instructive and inspiring and were greatly appreciated. The session was very harmonious and Bishop Sellow repeatedly remarked, "There is the best spirit in this conference that I have seen in twelve years' acquaintance with it;" and this was the general verdict. The religious services and even the conference sittings were marked by gracious outpourings of the Holy Spirit. Bishop Sellow preached four times; J. W. Whiteside, of the South Dakota conference, twice; A. S. McClure, of the Nebraska conference; D. C. Eddy and F. N. Ahern, once each. The street meetings were conducted by W. H. Austin. An interesting service was held in the interest of Olive Branch Mission, and a liberal offering was taken for the same.

A missionary service was held Sabbath afternoon under the auspices of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Bishop Sellow delivering the address. Over one hundred dollars was raised in cash and subscriptions. The appointments were well received by the preachers and people and all go forth with courage and faith for a year of victory.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON MEMOIRS

REV. WALTER WILSON CRIPPEN—Death has entered our ranks and we are called to mourn the loss of one of the most loyal, devoted and efficient members of this conference. God in His wise providence has seen fit to release from earthly care and toil and exalt to a higher and nobler service our beloved brother and fellow-worker, Rev. Walter Wilson Crippen.

Brother Crippen was born near Millington, Michigan, October 1, 1857, and fell asleep in Jesus at his home in Council Bluffs, Iowa, February 22, 1912. He was united in marriage with Mrs. Mary C. Schanthal, December 23, 1880. To this union were born seven children, five of whom, together with his devoted wife and two brothers, survive him.

He was radically converted in a meeting held by Rev. T. J. Gates and others near Hinton, Iowa, in 1889, and united with the Free Methodist church. About two weeks subsequent to his conversion he entered into the experience of entire holiness. As a layman he was always loyal, devoted and a consistent member in all his relations.

For some time he held the relation of a local preacher. His call to the work of the gospel ministry was clear and distinct, but he felt keenly the great weight of responsibility incident to so high and holy a calling. The church recognized his gifts, calling and grace and he was prevailed upon to give himself wholly to the work of the Lord. At the twelfth session of this conference held at Bingham, Iowa, and presided over by General Superintendent G. W. Coleman, he was admitted on trial, September 5, 1896. At the fourteenth session held at Correctionville, Iowa, and presided over by General Superintendent Edward P. Hart, he was received into full connection August 26, 1898, and was ordained deacon. He was ordained elder by Bishop E. P. Hart at the session of 1906. He served efficiently the following charges: Correctionville, one year; Jolley, one year; Coon Rapids, two years; Merrill and LeMars, three years; Sac City, three years; Shenandoah, three years; Council Bluffs, one year, and the Shanandoah district one year and six months. On the last named, he fell on the field in the heat of conflict and clash of battle and the glad shouts of victory.

Brother Crippen was a very devoted, earnest preacher: a loving and faithful pastor; always loyal, self-sacrificing and efficient in the service of God and the church. His life was pure and spotless, exemplifying the genuine-

ness of the grace he preached and professed to enjoy. He possessed a very tender and loving spirit and might well be called "The weeping prophet." Kind and forgiving, it was nothing unusual for him to innocently bear the blame and suffer wrong all for Jesus and the work of God he loved so well. His home life was ideal. He was a devoted and affectionate husband and father; always patient and kind and thoughtful of the welfare and happiness of others. The last few months and weeks of his life were seasons of great trial and severe conflict, but wonderful and glorious spiritual victories. In the heat of the furnace he held still and knew the "form of the Fourth" was with him. But the already weakened and over-taxed mind and heart could not longer stand the strain and our Father knew our brother and comrade was weary and needed rest, so He released him from the toil and pain of battle in the church militant, and exalted him to a higher, holier and tireless service with the "church triumphant." He rests in peace and his works follow him. His last illness was characterized by great suffering, but he never murmured and was always patient and kind. During the closing days of his pilgrimage, many were the seasons of blessing and refreshing enjoyed from the presence of the Lord.

When the end came he was ready; washed clean in the precious blood of the Lamb and ever kept by "the power of God through faith," he had nothing to do but to lay down the cross, take the proffered crown and join the congregation of the redeemed in the glad song of eternal triumph and praise to our Lord and King.

In the death of our brother this conference has sustained a loss that words cannot express, and our hearts are filled with sorrow. But in the midst of our grief and tears we bow in humble submission to the will of our heavenly Father who doeth all things well and say, "Thy will, not ours, be done."

To his devoted wife and companion in the labor, trials and sacrifices for the gospel, and to the children bereft of a loving father's care and council, and other relatives who mourn his departure, we extend our sincere sympathy in this great sorrow and bereavement and commend them to God and His loving care. Amen.

II.—ON STATE OF THE WORK

Spirituality—As a rule our people are enjoying the pentecostal type of religion; they are blest and free in the Holy Ghost and walk in the simplicity of the gospel of Christ. There are marked evidences of a deeper depth and a clearer tone in spirituality, individually and collectively. *Unity*—A most blessed spirit of love and unity prevails both among preachers and layman. *No compromise*—There does not seem to be any disposition to compromise or let down the standard, but to stand by and maintain the "Landmarks which the fathers have set." *Numerically*—Though we still suffer from the loss of members occasioned by removals to other parts of the country, yet there is a gain in the membership of the districts by the addition of new members, most all of whom have been saved in the special meetings held during the year. *Financial*—Our people, with few exceptions, are very devoted and self-sacrificing in support of the work. Many of them go, to human appearances, almost to extremes in their self-denial, but there are a few who seem to be withholding from the Lord and His work. So that while our work has been comparatively well supported, according to ability, if all did their whole duty there would be no lack. *Quarterly and Special Gatherings*—The special gatherings have been times of great blessing and salvation throughout the year. The joint camp-meeting at Ft. Dodge was admitted by all to be the very best in many years. Souls were saved, sanctified and added to the church, and the saints were greatly encouraged and strengthened. Some very marked outpourings and manifestations of the Holy Spirit were witnessed from time to time and glorious scenes that no tongue or pen can ever describe. *Aggressiveness*—The spirit of aggressiveness is becoming more and more manifest, and the revival spirit is coming on the church. Two new societies have been

organized since our last session, and new doors are opening on every hand. There is a very marked change, and in contrast with past years, when there seemed to be no open doors, they are now calling in almost every direction, and there are open fields white to the harvest. Devoted and competent workers and means are needed, and special efforts should be made while the Lord is so manifestly working and pouring out His Spirit on the people.

In view of the foregoing conditions, to us the work on the Boone and Sioux City districts is certainly hopeful and inspiring.

III.—ON EDUCATION

Education is a word derived from the Latin *educere*, meaning to lead forth. According to the syntax of the word all the capabilities and tendencies are in the child, and by training are lead forth.

Education is the natural inheritance of every individual since all the good or evil with which he come in contact, every thing he sees, feels, hears, or does impresses and develops tendencies and capabilities. According to this view education begins with parental influences and only terminates when life ceases.

The common view, is the intellectual, physical and technical training received through the premeditated efforts of parents and teachers. In all good schools, the intellectual training is nearly on par, but as good as our public school system is it neglects the moral training which must go hand in hand with book knowledge in order to build characters for God.

Only in sectarian or denominational schools can this moral and spiritual training be obtained. As youth is the time when all the greatest impressions are made on the character, and the future destiny is shaped, hence if we care for the church of to-morrow, we must have our own denominational institutions of education, and they should receive our support and patronage.

We cheerfully recommend to our people the Wessington Springs Seminary as a thoroughly Christian school where our young people can receive intellectual, moral and technical training.

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For higher education we would recommend to you the Greenville College as a splendid religious institution, ranking with the best colleges of the land.

IV.—REPORT OF CONFERENCE SUNDAY-SCHOOL SECRETARY

Owing to lack of time and other reasons we have not traveled through the conference at large and visited the circuits and individual schools as we would like to have done.

We arranged for the holding of two district conventions: One on the North district and one on the South district. The convention held in the north was very profitable and inspiring to those who attended, and we think lasting good was done in awakening practical interest in this department of the work. Owing to unavoidable short notice of the time and place of holding the general quarterly meeting on the South district (following the death of our beloved Brother Crippen) I was unable to arrange my work to be present at the convention which was to be held in connection with this general gathering. I appointed Rev. D. C. Eddy to take charge and conduct the convention, and a profitable time was reported. There is a wider and deeper interest being awakened, and improvement in many respects, but there is room for great improvement on many lines.

We recommend the following: 1. A deeper and more practical interest on the part of parents and all older members of the church. 2. Special efforts to gather in the children both in and out of the church. Real, live, energetic and persistent effort will bring good and telling results. 3. Promptness—Be on time. Laggards will kill any Sunday-school. 4. Let the pastors and people, one and all, be more fully awake to the importance and possibilities of the Sunday-school, and put time and energy into it worthy the vital relation it sustains to the church and the work of God.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST IOWA CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Shenandoah District															
Shenandoah, Bingham and Essex Council Bluffs	\$ 25 00	\$ 1 75	\$ 388 50	\$ 120 00	\$ 92 40	\$ 10 00	2	\$ 3000	1	\$ 1000
Hunkp and Bethel	\$ 8 00	.....	\$ 1 16	11 43	1 25	324 28	.....	42 20	.....	.....	1400	1	1200
Hamburg and Knox	7 20	1 10	225 00	.....	12 80	.....	.....	2300	1	800
Calleg Springs and Pleasant Hill	\$ 2 15	.....	.....	.....	22 70	1 13	330 00	92 00	13 31	.....	.....	1000	1	700
Carver and Summit	5 75	.....	66	26 22	2 42	333 50	131 00	93 28	.....	.....	1800	2	1400
Gravely, Clearfield, Glasgow	5 00	13 00	.....	.....	30 00	94	325 00	60 00	45 48	.....	.....	3800	1	2000
Lermer and Garden Grove	15 35	75	136 05	.....	53 53	12 00	.....	800	1	600
Carbon	37 22	37 00	.....	600	1	600
.....	37 20	5 00	.....	500	1	700
Boone District															
Boone, Ogden, Ames and Pleasant Hill	1 00	.....	.....	.....	17 93	1 45	425 00	108 00	77 34	83 35	3	4500	1	1200
Bear Grove and Coon Rapids	1 00	.....	.....	.....	6 34	68	504 41	50 00	40 80	21 47	2	2400	2	1800
Churdan and Andrew schoolhouse	30 00	90	258 79	120 00	55 39	.....	.....	1200	1	1000
Polk City and Bethany	55 52	84 00	27 25	.....	.....	2000	1	1500
Seranton	5 02	87	1272 50	.....	53 95	.....	.....	1200	1	1000
Havebeck and Plover	7 00	40	*125 00	.....	30 62	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Humboldt and Dakota City	50	.....	.....	.....	5 75	10	15 00	.....	13 05	31 32	.....	1500	.....	.....
Ft. Dodge	7 45	22 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sioux City District															
LeMars and Sioux City	16 40	72 23	.....	.....	10 00	1 15	385 09	.....	59 01	75 31	1	2000	.....	.....
Sioux City and Streeg Church	8 00	.....	2 50	15 44	1 15	411 23	96 00	63 81	20 31	1	4300	1	900
Correctionville	12 60	1 00	176 78	96 00	59 00	25 00	1	2000	1	800
Total	\$ 20 05	\$ 100 98	.....	\$ 4 32	\$ 247 98	\$17 72	\$ 4681 05	\$ 957 00	\$1131 31	\$ 342 56	29	\$ 36100	18	\$ 17100

*Paid to H. M. Williamson. †Paid to W. H. Austin.

NORTH MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirty-seventh Annual Session, held at Manton, Michigan, August 14-17, 1912

OFFICERS

B. R. JONES, *President*
J. A. HUDNUTT, *Secretary* CLAUDE A. WATSON, *Assistant Secretary*
D. G. BRIGGS, *Conference Treasurer* J. A. WATSON, *Railroad Secretary*
A. G. HARTLE, *Sabbath-school Secretary*

COMMITTEES

On Nominations—The district elders, D. Peraley, B. Wilton, M. McDonald.
On Public Worship—Bishop B. R. Jones, H. Rose, J. A. Watson, J. E. Saunders, W. H. Bodine, J. A. Hudnutt.
On Publications—J. W. Archer, B. T. Hicks, George Marshall.
On Education—L. C. Fletcher, H. D. F. Gaffin, Grace Carpenter.
On Temperance—A. G. Hartle, O. A. Kester, L. P. Lawton.
On Charities—A. A. York, Q. Smith, Elton Phelps.
On Sabbath-schools—J. B. Griswold, G. W. Cappy, N. McBrian.
On Reforms—H. D. F. Gaffin, S. W. Ingalls, David Burch.
On the State of the Work—The district elders.
On Examining Quarterly Conference Records—A. G. Hartle, G. W. Kiffer, J. A. Allen, J. N. Bodine, John Boswell.
On Raising Funds to Publish the Minutes—W. A. Caywood.
To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.
To Audit the Treasurers' Books—S. A. Whitmore, John Boswell.
On Ministerial Relations—M. C. Eddy, W. A. Caywood, Hugh Rose, N. A. McBrian, Robert Alexander, F. Seiting.
On Entertaining Strangers Who Visit the Conference—A. L. Haywood, B. T. Hicks, T. M. Gallup.
For Tellers—Glen Bodine, T. F. Huff.
On Memoirs—J. A. Hudnut, D. G. Briggs, L. T. Jacokes, L. P. Lawton, George Marshall.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

D. G. Briggs, president; J. E. Sanders, secretary; J. A. Hudnutt, treasurer; David Henderson, Amos Kinney.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

S. A. Whitmore, president, term expires 1915; A. G. Hartle, term expires 1914; J. A. Hudnutt, secretary, term expires 1913.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

<i>On Secret Societies</i> —M. C. Eddy,	<i>On Temperance</i> —E. Mellott,
<i>On Charities</i> —H. Rose,	<i>On Reforms</i> —J. B. Griswold,
<i>On Education</i> —H. D. F. Gaffin,	<i>On State of the Work</i> —J. E. Sanders,
<i>On Publications</i> —O. A. Kester,	<i>On Sabbath-schools</i> —A. G. Hartle.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

J. A. Watson, Alma, Michigan; J. W. Archer, Manton, Michigan; D. G. Briggs, Cedar Springs, Michigan; J. E. Sanders, Scottville, Michigan; Nelson A. McBrian, Manton, Michigan; George Marshall, Coopersville, Michigan; Amos S. Kinney, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions, General Missions; second quarter, Church Extension, General Conference Expense Fund, Permanent Fund; third quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Camp-ground Fund; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. Ida A. Tyrell, Belding, Michigan; first vice-president, Clara Stewart, Manton, Michigan; second vice-president, Arletta Briggs, Cedar Springs, Michigan; recording secretary, May R. Whitmore, Greenville, Michigan; corresponding secretary, Clara Stewart, Manton, Michigan; treasurer, Arletta Briggs, Cedar Springs, Michigan.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE MINISTERS' MUTUAL AID SOCIETY

J. A. Watson, president; C. A. Watson, secretary; B. T. Hicks, treasurer; M. Bigelow.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

H. D. F. Gaffin,
D. G. Briggs,
B. W. McKibben,
J. A. Hudnutt,
W. H. Bodine,
E. M. Russell,
C. H. Harding,
J. A. Watson,
T. Baynton,
M. C. Eddy,
T. M. Gallup,
G. W. Kiffer,
S. A. Whitmore,
J. O. Hindes,
A. L. Haywood,
J. N. Bodine,
G. W. Cappy,
W. A. Feighner,
W. H. James,

L. T. Jacokes,
W. A. Caywood,
S. W. Ingalls,
F. O. Wyman,
J. E. Sanders,
S. H. Carpenter,
W. H. Switzer,
E. C. Bigelow,
J. B. Griswold,
L. C. Fletcher,
J. A. Linscott,
Hugh Rose,
B. T. Hicks,
F. A. Smith,
C. G. Miller,
L. H. Hahn,
G. H. Joslin,
A. G. Hartle,

J. A. Allen,
J. L. Hazeldine,
E. Thirkettle,
W. B. Huff,
C. A. Gallup,
R. E. Raycraft,
G. A. McGrath,
C. H. Bartlett,
W. A. Miller,
Quitman Smith,
O. A. Kester,
J. W. Archer,
E. F. Garter,
E. Mellott,
T. F. Huff,
Mark Bigelow,
G. H. Akin,
L. H. Morrison,

DELEGATES

Duncan McPhee,
John Martin,
William Harper,
Edmund Drew,
Lizzie Forquor,
Riley Eldred,
B. H. Tyrell,
William Hapner,
Alice Russell,
Elton Phelps,
John Boswell,
Nelson McBrian,
Bristol Wilton,
Viola Glidden,
Daniel Pursley,
William Grinage,
Henry Syer.

Mathew McDonald,
Addie Page,
Mattie Carpenter,
D. D. Burtch,
Grace Carpenter,
Sophia Mead,
Tena Plumhoff,
Emila Ruckle,
Fred Sprague,
Charles Arrand,
Maude Palmer,
Wm. Harding,
Sherman Stoddard,
Andrew Bessemer,
Sophia Durphy,
George Marshall,

Amos S. Kinney,
L. P. Lawton,
E. A. Williams,
C. Boone,
Walter Lamerson,
Lousia Lawrence,
A. W. Johnson,
Albert Butler,
Carson Sutherland,
Frank Seiting,
Barbara Schultz,
Robert Alexander,
William Cummings,
William Strickler,
Christina Leach,
William Johnson,

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. R. Jones, J. E. Sanders, W. H. Bodine, J. A. Watson, J. A. Hudnutt, George Marshall, L. P. Lawton, Nelson McBrian, Amos S. Kinney.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Glen W. Bodine, Allen P. Mead, Orris Scott, Claude A. Watson, A. A. Thompson.

4. Who remain on trial? O. A. Ide, Charles Spencer.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? Mark Bigelow, T. F. Huff, G. H. Akin.

6. Who are the deacons? H. Rose, G. A. McGrath, J. A. Linscott, G. W. Cappy, C. H. Bartlett, C. G. Miller, William Feighner, E. F. Garter, Mark Bigelow, Quitman Smith, B. T. Hicks, G. H. Akin, L. H. Morrison.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? O. A. Kester, J. W. Archer.

8. Who have been located this year? F. E. Stowell, H. Toonder, W. T. Sumner, E. B. Robbins.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? A. G. Hartle, J. A. Allen, R. E. Raycraft, E. M. Russell, W. B. Huff, W. A. Miller, L. C. Fletcher.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? L. T. Jacokes, F. A. Smith, E. Thirkettle, C. H. Harding, T. Baynton, S. H. Carpenter, G. H. Joslin, B. W. McKibbin, C. A. Gallup.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? L. H. Morrison, from the North Indiana conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? C. E. Edinger withdrew from the conference and the church; J. E. McDonald was discontinued from the conference.

13. Who have been given certificate of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? A. A. York, J. A. Phillips, W. H. James.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed, except J. A. Linscott.

15. Who have died this year? W. R. Cusick.

16-20. See statistical reports.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? L. T. Jacokes, \$75; G. H. Joslin, \$60; B. W. McKibbin, \$80; C. H. Harding, \$50; T. Baynton, \$20; S. H. Carpenter, \$90; C. A. Gallup, \$90; Julia Bearse, \$40; Saloma Lambertson, \$150; Opha Cope, \$45; Minerva Snyder, \$80; the two children of Mrs. Emma Hall, each \$25; total, \$830.

22, 23. See statistical reports.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See the appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At Manton, Michigan, as near the middle of August, 1913, as will suit the convenience of the bishops.

APPOINTMENTS

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT—J. A. HUDNUTT, District Elder, Sparta, Michigan

Grand Rapids.....	G. A. McGrath, Bertha McGrath, supply,	
	1340 Union avenue, Grand Rapids,	Michigan
Zeeland.....	W. A. Caywood, Alice B. Caywood, supply,	Cedar Springs,
Coopersville.....	Amanda Burgess, supply,	Coopersville,
Fruitport and County Line.....	J. R. Marston,	Coopersville, R. F. D.,
Sparta and Tyrone.....	H. Rose,	Sparta,
Cedar Springs.....	E. Mellott,	Cedar Springs,
Courtland.....	D. G. Briggs,	Cedar Springs, R. F. D.,
Ravenna and Moreland.....	S. W. Ingalls,	Ravenna,
Bradley and Gregoryville.....	E. F. Garter,	Bradley,
Coral and Howard City.....	C. A. Watson,	Coral,
Ensley and Town Line.....	Ora Beebe,	Sand Lake, R. F. D.,
Altona, Rushford and Brady Lake.....	W. A. Feighner,	Altona,
Lakeview and Six Lakes.....	G. W. Bodine,	Lake View,

H. D. F. Gaffin, financial agent for Greenville College, Coopersville, Michigan; A. G. Hartle, supernumerary; L. T. Jacokes, G. H. Joslin, E. Thirkettle, superannuated.

IONIA DISTRICT—W. H. BODINE, District Elder, Belding, Michigan.

Grand Ledge and Eagle.....C. H. Bartlett, Grand Ledge, Michigan
 Sunfield and Shaytown.....O. A. Kester, Sunfield, "
 Morgan and Castleton.....G. H. Aikin, Morgan, "
 Saranac.....J. L. Hazeldine, Saranac, "
 Orleans and Belding..J. B. Griswold, Cora Griswold, supply, Belding, "
 Clare.....B. H. Duryee, Clare, "
 Mt. Pleasant and Lincoln.....G. W. Kiffer, Mt. Pleasant, "
 Alma and Burns.....Mary J. Finch, supply, Alma, "
 St. Louis and County Line.....A. A. Thompson, St. Louis, "
 Elm Hall and Sumner.....Mark Bigelow, Elm Hall, "
 Stanton and Westville.....Roy Hazeldine, supply, Stanton, "
 Fishville and Evergreen.....Allen DeLong, supply, Stanton, "
 Hastings.....E. C. Bigelow, Hastings, "
 Greenville and Fenwick.....S. A. Whitmore, May Whitmore, supply, Greenville, "

J. A. Allen, R. E. Raycraft, W. A. Miller, supernumerary; C. H. Harding, F. A. Smith, B. W. McKibben, superannuated; W. H. James, given certificate of standing in view of transfer; E. B. Robbins, J. A. Linscott, W. T. Sumner, F. E. Stowell, located according to paragraph 96 of the Discipline; J. E. McDonald, discontinued.

BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT—J. E. SANDERS, District Elder, Scottville, Michigan

Big Rapids and River.....Fred Iulg, supply, Big Rapids, Michigan
 Woodville and Barton.....H. E. Packard, supply, Parks, "
 Bristol and Ruckle.....Ray Russell, supply, Tustin, "
 Evart and South Evart.....L. H. Hahn, Evart, "
 Fork and Sheridan.....M. McDonald, supply, Fork, "
 Rose Lake and Harding.....L. H. Morrison, Rose Lake, "
 Cadillac.....M. C. Eddy, Cadillac, "
 Weidman and Wooden.....L. T. Wilson, supply, Weidman, "
 Ludington and Pentwater.....T. M. Gallup, Ludington, "
 Scottville, Custer.....J. N. Bodine, Scottville, "
 Walkerville and Philo.....O. A. Ide, Walkerville, "
 Millbrook and Bromfield.....A. C. Pratt, supply, Millbrook, "

A. A. York, given certificate of standing in view of transfer; W. B. Huff, E. M. Russell, supernumerary; F. O. Wyman, J. O. Hindes, W. H. Switzer, left without appointment according to paragraph 96 of the Discipline; S. H. Carpenter, T. Baynton, superannuated.

TRAVERSE DISTRICT—J. A. WATSON, District Elder, Alma, Michigan

Manton and Greenwood.....J. W. Archer, Manton, Michigan
 Lake City and West Branch....A. W. Cryderman, supply, Lake City, "
 Traverse City.....A. Disbrow, supply, Traverse City, "
 Kingsley and Beitner.....B. T. Hicks, Kingsley, "
 Lodi and Kalkaska.....Charles Spencer, Kalkaska, "
 Mancelona and Barnhart.....Quitman Smith, Mancelona, "
 Elmira.....W. Glidden, supply, Elmira, "
 Central Lake.....Henry Austin, supply, Central Lake, "
 Boyne City.....Oris Scott, Boyne City, "
 Empire and Cedar Run.....A. Mead, Empire, "
 Colfax and Mesick.....O. McCammon, supply, Meauwataka, "
 Boon and Harrietta.....C. G. Miller, Boone, "

J. A. Phillips, given certificate of standing in view of transfer; A. L.

Haywood, conference evangelist; J. A. Watson, member of Traverse district quarterly conference; C. A. Gallup, superannuated; H. Toonder, located according to paragraph 96 of the Discipline.

SAULT STE. MARIE DISTRICT—J. A. WATSON, District Elder
 Sault Ste. Marie, Garden and Dafter.....
T. F. Huff, 529 Court street, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan
 Hay Lake.....G. W. Cappy, McCarren, "
 Drummond IslandTo be supplied
 L. C. Fletcher, supernumerary.

LOCAL DEACONS

R. S. McClain,	L. J. Hazeldine,	W. G. Randles,
E. A. Blodgett,	F. D. Lyon,	L. T. Wilson,
J. L. Snyder,	L. M. Orcutt,	M. McDonald,
D. McLachlan,	J. D. Gregory,	F. W. Smith,
W. Roush,	L. P. Lawton,	Peter White,
S. W. Lawton,	J. C. Smith,	L. J. Stimpson,
O. McCammon,	H. E. Packard.	

LOCAL ELDERS

A. W. Johnson,	A. C. Pratt,	W. H. Jury.
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CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Ella Hoag,	Sopha Durphy,	Bertha McGrath,
Ellen Burns,	Eliza Linscott,	Lora Avery,
Sarah O. Miller,	Mary J. Finch,	Zilpha Winn,
Amanda Burgess,	Sarah McKibben,	May R. Whitmore,
Cora Griswold,	Rosetta Allen.	

TREASURER'S REPORT

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—Assessed and paid, \$1,065.
 GENERAL MISSIONS FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$251.85.
 CHURCH EXTENSION FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$167.90.
 BISHOPS' SALARIES—Apportioned and paid, \$302.22.
 PERMANENT FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$83.95.
 FOREIGN MISSIONS—\$157.63.
 CHILDREN'S FUND—\$10.13.
 EDUCATIONAL FUND—\$13.17.
 RAISED BY THE W. F. M. S.—\$471.14.
 PUBLISHING THE MINUTES—\$51.70.
 ROBERTS MONUMENT FUND—\$15.71.

MISCELLANEOUS

The thirty-seventh annual session of the North Michigan conference was held at Manton on the camp-ground, August 14-17, 1912. Bishop B. R. Jones was with us and presided with his usual ability. His sermon Sabbath morning was masterly and inspiring. God greatly helped him to define the lines of preaching and action by which the church can hope to see souls soundly converted, and the kingdom of Christ extended. The conference presented him

with a small cash offering as an expression for our sincere love and appreciation of his labors.

An impressive memorial service was held Sabbath afternoon in memory of Rev. W. R. Cusick, who was called to his reward in heaven during the conference year. Brother Cusick was really the father of the conference. God's testimony concerning Barnabas could be very fittingly applied to him, "He was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord" (Acts 11:24).

The W. F. M. S. held a very interesting service Sabbath afternoon. Rev. Jules Ryff preached an instructive and powerful sermon, after which \$98 was raised in cash and subscriptions.

CONFERENCE ROLL OF PREACHERS

Year of Admission into Full Connection	Name	Year of Admission into Full Connection	Name
1870.....	W. H. James	1900.....	M. C. Eddy
1875.....	G. H. Joslin	1900.....	J. B. Griswold
1880.....	H. D. F. Gaffin	1900.....	A. A. York
1881.....	L. T. Jacokes	1901.....	T. M. Gallup
1881.....	F. A. Smith	1902.....	L. C. Fletcher
1883.....	A. G. Hartle	1903.....	J. A. Phillips
1884.....	D. G. Briggs	1904.....	G. W. Kiffer
1886.....	W. A. Caywood	1905.....	J. A. Linscott
1890.....	J. A. Allen	1905.....	G. A. McGrath
1890.....	S. W. Ingalls	1906.....	S. A. Whitmore
1890.....	B. W. McKibben	1906.....	Hugh Rose
1891.....	J. L. Hazeldine	1907.....	W. A. Miller
1892.....	J. A. Hudnutt	1907.....	C. H. Bartlett
1893.....	W. H. Bodine	1907.....	J. O. Hindes
1893.....	F. O. Wyman	1908.....	A. L. Haywood
1893.....	E. Thirkettle	1909.....	J. N. Bodine
1894.....	E. M. Russell	1910.....	G. W. Cappy
1894.....	J. E. Sanders	1910.....	O. A. Kester
1894.....	W. B. Huff	1910.....	J. W. Archer
1894.....	C. H. Harding	1911.....	E. F. Garter
1894.....	S. H. Carpenter	1911.....	W. A. Feighner
1895.....	J. A. Watson	1911.....	C. G. Miller
1895.....	W. H. Switzer	1911.....	Quitman Smith
1897.....	C. A. Gallup	1911.....	B. T. Hicks
1898.....	T. Baynton	1912.....	T. F. Huff
1898.....	E. C. Bigelow	1912.....	Mark Bigelow
1899.....	R. E. Raycraft	1912.....	L. H. Morrison

ON TRIAL

1905.....	O. A. Ide	1912.....	Allen P. Mead
1911.....	Charles Spencer	1912.....	A. A. Thompson
1912.....	Glen W. Bodine	1912.....	Orris Scott

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON REFORMS

Reform is defined as follows: "To make better; introduce improvement in, or change for the better; amend, correct. To abandon evil for that which is good; become better or amended."

As a holiness church, loyalty to our mission demands that we lift up our voice like a trumpet; "cry aloud and spare not," and antagonize, in proper ways, and at proper times, evils in church and state.

Hitherto we have considered national and world-wide evils, such as intem-

perance, Sabbath desecration, secrecy, mystery Babylon. "The Mother of Harlots," the abomination of the whole earth, or the present day Roman Catholic church, and a few other popular evils, and have left unnoticed some things needing reformation nearer home. However we would not minimize the evils of the above-named orders, and organizations, but would give a clarion call to every man among us, in pulpit and pew, to arm for the fray, for the "fight is on," and we must not call retreat.

1. *The liquor crime.*—The licensed saloon is our nation's curse. There are five political parties in the field striving for control in our government: The Republicans, Democrats, Socialists, Progressives, and the Prohibitionists. All but the Prohibitionists, by their silence in their confession of faith, or declaration of principles, respecting the crime of the licensed saloon, seem to be in league with them; and all who are exercising their franchise to place in office any man, or continue in power any party, who seeks to perpetuate this moral evil, which like a cancer is eating at the very vitals of civic righteousness, NEED, with the distiller, saloonkeeper, and consumer of liquid damnation to reform—"change for the better."

2. *Romanism.*—Papal Rome is playing every card, and struggling hard for political rule in our nation. 'Tis sad, but true, that our chief magistrates seem to be blind to her thirst for Protestant blood, and are doffing their hats to this "Mother of Harlots, Mystery Babylon." The situation is critical. A Moses, however, seems to have been given us in the person of Theo. C. Walker, and his staff of workers of Aurora, Missouri, who are publishing a weekly leaflet, called the *Menace*, which is shining as a bright, and morning star in the sky of our dark political night, fearlessly showing to the world, the treachery, trickery, and moral rottenness of the whole Papal Hierarchy. Every family in our Zion should subscribe for the same, and scatter its truths broadcast.

3. *Secrecy.*—Freemasonry is a Pagan religion. It is anti-Christian, and we as a conference stand united against the whole secret brood, and declare that no Christian has any right in any organized secret society.

4. *Tobacco.*—The prevalence of the smoking habit is an occasion of alarm. At the rate this evil nuisance has progressed in the past few years among the young and rising generation, another decade will not have passed, when it will be no strange sight to see the society girl and woman blowing the smoke of their torment in the face of the passerby, as is now common with the so-called gentry of the world.

5. *Fashion.*—The votaries of dame fashion are legion, and pride is a cruel tyrant. It hobbles the fair sex in a most ridiculous and cruel manner. A few years ago, many of the victims of modern fashion, would have secreted themselves from public gaze in the privacy of their own homes, if hobbled as they are now seen in our public thoroughfares, hobbling along, seemingly without any sense of shame or modesty. But brethren, as great as are these evils, and much to be deplored, we thank God they are evils that are without. While they have their influence, and are barriers to the work of the church, we are glad to say we have reformed.

But since reform means to introduce improvement in, or change for the better, we believe as a conference, in some measures, we need reform. We have great reason to thank God for the degree of success we have had, but there are greater possibilities before us. Pastors need to give greater care to catechise, and indoctrinate our children and young people in our holy religion. Every home where there are children or young people, should be provided with our catechisms. The pastor, in his visits, should pay particular attention to the children, giving them lessons, and make arrangements to hear their recitations, pray with, and lead them to Christ. If this is done the pastor must specialize a little. Herein we need to reform.

Greater care should be given to the reading of our "General Rules," once a quarter in every society, and once a year in every public congregation, as required by our Discipline. Herein is need of reform.

The sermons on "Dress," and "Evil Speaking" should be faithfully read in all our societies once a year. Herein we need to improve or reform.

We need a stronger union, and a warmer fellowship among us in carrying

out the purpose of the church in the various departments of our work. It is paralyzing and crippling to our cause to have any of our ministers or laymen speak disrespectfully of any department of our church work, as missions, home or foreign, charities and education, and hold the brother who may be interested in the same at arms length, and treat him as a propagator of false doctrines. Herein we see need of reform. In union there is strength. "United we stand, but divided we fall." The world, the church, the state, and the devil are arrayed against us. But our cause is right. God is with us. Victory is perched on our banner.

And last but not least, in the reception of our pastors, on the various charges, there is need of reform. Not more than two weeks should pass, after the pastor has arrived, before the circuit in a body, if possible, or by classes, should meet at the parsonage, with provisions, and cash, and above all, with hands extended, and hearts full of welcome, making the pastor feel that he is at home, and among his friends. This will go a long ways in bringing hearts together, and assuring victory for the year.

Brethren, in the pulpit, and in the pew, let us join hands in every needed reform, within and without, and go forth for one of the best years of our life.

II.—ON TEMPERANCE

The effects of alcohol are a crowning curse. Its horrors have never been fully portrayed. No pencil is black enough to paint the picture and do it full justice. No tongue is eloquent enough to tell the sad story in all its dreadful details. The use of alcohol is a wide and withering scourge. It is a *physical* curse, blurring the eyes, blistering the tongue, deranging the stomach, paralyzing the nerves, hardening the liver, poisoning the blood, coadjulating the brain, inducing and aggravating many diseases, and digging many premature graves.

It is a financial curse, draining the pocket, inviting poverty, diminishing comforts, multiplying miseries, filling alms houses and creating hard times.

It is also a mental curse, clouding the judgment, dethroning the reason, promoting ignorance, producing imbecility, and transforming its unhappy victims into maniacs and fools.

And surely it is a moral curse, weakening the will, inflaming the passions, crushing the voice of conscience, and preparing the way for every vice and crime.

The attendant miseries of drunkenness swarm like a locust plague. In the slimy trail of this alcoholic serpent you find everything that is dark and dreadful. Everything that is regretful and ruinous. You find men without manhood, women without womanhood, age without solace, and infancy without hope. You find want and woe, rags and wretchedness, squalor and filth, disease and death. You find broken vows, broken bones, broken fortunes, broken hopes and broken hearts. In the wake of this damnable curse can be found everything that is bad. You find bad manners and bad morals, bad words and bad actions, bad reputations and bad characters, bad plans and bad performances, bad parents and bad children, a bad beginning and a cursed ending. Surely intemperance is the crowning curse of American society, and the great astonishment is that a traffic that blasts, and mildews, and curses everything with which it comes in contact should be licensed and thus protected by laws enacted by a civilized and professed Christian nation, for it is a shame and unworthy the name of civilization to permit a public danger and wrong for a moneyed consideration, and we believe it the duty of every professed Christian and every lover of civic righteousness to throw the full strength of their influence not only against the traffic itself but also against those who enact laws to protect those engaged in the traffic.

If this great curse is ever driven from this the "land of the free and the home of the brave," and its baneful effects lifted from the home and from society, three things are especially necessary:

First.—We must arouse ourselves to the cunningness and deceitfulness of the enemy and also to the fact that in spite of all that has been done, in spite of the heroic toil, and unspeakable sacrifice of the past, the drink evil

presents a front of menace greater and more terrible to-day than ever in the past. The consumption of intoxicating drinks not only stands at an enormous figure, but is upon the increase.

The great Panama canal is nearing completion. The estimated cost of building the canal is nearly four hundred and seventy-five million dollars. The annual drink bill of the United States would build four such canals. And if there was ever an occasion for alarm with regard to intemperance, with regard to the political influence of the liquor traffic, with regard to the moral blight of the saloon, that occasion exists now.

Yes, in many ways we have gained and we are still gaining, but it is not yet time for the fireworks; the bandwagon is not yet in sight, but the fight is on, and one encouragement is, the participants know that they "must fight if they would win."

Second.—We must arouse ourselves to the fact that our present license system, no matter how high that license may be, will never close out the saloon or curtail the drink habit. High license may decrease the number of saloons, but will never decrease the consumption of liquor. It is here pre-eminently we have erred and gone out of the way, that is, the way of enlightened, moral judgment, which is always God's way.

The licensing of the sale of intoxicants, the use of which gives us most of our pauperism, and seven-tenths of our crime, is a political blunder and a moral offense.

The trouble with the whole license system is, that it gives protection and a phase of respectability to this deadly enemy of all that is brightest, and best, and dearest, to human life, and though some claim that the purpose of license is not to legalize, but to restrict, yet we answer that it does legalize the business and protect the men who are engaged in it, and by licensing the traffic we justify the business by making it as respectable in the eyes of the law as the sale of dry goods and groceries, and we do it for reward, and the very act of licensing an evil antagonizes every principle of civic righteousness. If it be right to sell intoxicants as a beverage, men do not need a license to do right; if it be wrong we have no right to license a wrong, and our licensing a wrong for any sum, much or little, does not make that wrong right. That which is morally wrong should be made legally wrong.

License consists in coining money out of the evils of intemperance for rum sellers and the government—money, wet with the tears of widows and orphans, red with the blood of the drunkards. One of the darkest facts in connection with the rum curse is the complicity of the state and national government with the crime. The government protects the evil and it will never be disposed of until this protection is withdrawn.

Third.—We must arouse ourselves to the fact that if this government protection ever is withdrawn, the Christian church of America must unite her forces and show this government that she possesses the element of power. Ex-governor Hanley, of Indiana, speaking on reforms, says, "The Christian church of America, if it is broad and wise enough to unite itself upon the question can absolutely take America for any moral issue. And if we fail it is the fault of the church because she fails to measure up to her obligations."

The *Washington Sentinel* claims to be the oldest personal liberty advocate in the United States, devoted to the interests of the brewery, wine and spirit trade, and is the official organ of the brewers' and liquor dealers' associations. Its editor, Lewis Schad, in an article entitled, "How to impress congress," says, "The only way to impress congress with a due sense of the well nigh overwhelming power of the liquor interests, if fully aroused, is by an organization that would include the great retail interests and the myriad friends of personal liberty who are in accord with its legitimate aspirations. The number of retail dealers in the United States is about two hundred and fourteen thousand, each of whom has, taking the average, at least half a dozen employees, thus that class alone constitutes an army of voters of about one million three hundred thousand, to which should be added wholesale dealers, their employees and representatives of the road, which would easily bring up the number to two million. To this should be added the friends of personal liberty who are in full

accord with the liquor interests and of whom at least another two million could be added to the forces that would, by their votes, uphold the demands of our trade. Thus the liquor interests, if thoroughly aroused, could command four million votes, which forms a sufficient balance of power to change the political sway of the country to whatever side it inclines."

Thus by this article, according to their own confession, four million votes are all they are able to muster from every conceivable source. Yet with these four million votes they claim to hold the balance of power. The question now is, what is the voting power of the Christian church of America? Dr. H. K. Carroll has made a careful investigation to determine the number of communicants in the various Christian bodies throughout the United States and his statistical report of the same was published in the New York *Christian Advocate*. It was found by this investigation that the sum total of the communicants in these various Christian churches in the United States alone was thirty-two million nine hundred and eighty-three thousand one hundred and fifty-six. Allowing one vote to every six persons, according to the adopted rule, it gives the voting capacity of the church as five million four hundred and ninety-seven thousand one hundred and ninety-three, or one million four hundred and ninety-seven thousand one hundred and ninety-three votes above that of the saloon, without including her sympathizers as they have done.

Thus we see that the Christian church and not the liquor traffic holds the balance of power, proving the old saying that while the saloon would destroy the church if it could, the church could destroy the saloon if she would. May God hasten the time when professed Christian men will be greater lovers of purity and principle than they are of party and politics.

The growth of temperance sentiment may seem slow. Though we, as a church, from press, pulpit, and pew, have fought the cursed traffic from our earliest existence, and though it may seem that we have accomplished but little, yet we know we are on the right side of a righteous cause and that it is but a matter of time when the right shall win.

In the autumn of eighteen fifty nine, John Brown with a few followers went to Northern Virginia for the purpose of freeing what slaves he could enduce to go with him to Canada. He waited at Harper's Ferry for more to join him, and while there he was surrounded by militia from Virginia and Maryland and after most of his followers were killed, was compelled to surrender. He was taken to Charleston, Virginia, jail, had a trial and was sentenced to be hung, and on December 2, 1859, that sentence was carried into effect. John Brown was dead, placed in his coffin and the lid nailed down. Slavery then felt safe. She had set an example of what she would do if any attempt should ever again be made to free her negro slaves. Three years from that time, long lines of soldiers were seen marching southward, their bayonets glittering in the noonday sun, and as they marched they sang, "John Brown's body lies mouldering in the grave, but his soul goes marching on;" and that sentiment did march on until slavery was driven from the soil of this republic. Haddock, Gambrell, and many others have paid the penalty of their lives for opposing the liquor traffic, and while the bodies of these martyrs lie "mouldering in the grave," their souls are marching on, and will march on, until this cursed traffic, the crowning curse of society, will be driven out to return no more forever.

Your committee rejoice to know that the Free Methodist church, from janitor to bishop, unanimously unite in favor of the total annihilation of the liquor traffic.

The honorable Mr. Wooley recently made the statement that in his extensive travels throughout the United States he had come in contact with hundreds of our Free Methodist brethren and had yet, knowingly, to meet the first one that did not vote for the prohibition of the liquor traffic.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

GRAND RAPIDS AND IONIA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claims	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Entertainment General Conference
Grand Rapids District																
Grand Rapids.....	J. A. Hudnut, District Elder	56	9	65	1	2	1	10	80	11	4 45	9 63	7 80	7 80	5 20	2 08
Zeeland.....	G. A. McGrath.....	10	1	11	1	1	1	7	35	3	3 25	1 26	1 05	1 05	3 70	1 32
Coopersville.....	W. A. Caywood.....	32	2	34	1	1	1	6	45	8	14 85	5 94	4 95	4 95	3 30	1 44
Fruitport and County Line.....	Amanda Burgess.....	25	3	28	1	1	1	7	30	6	10 35	4 14	3 45	3 45	2 30	1 92
Sparta and Tyrone.....	J. L. Marston.....	50	3	53	2	1	1	8	50	2	18 90	7 56	6 30	6 30	4 20	1 68
Cedar Springs.....	J. W. Hazeldine.....	40	3	43	1	1	1	6	45	4	11 50	6 02	5 25	5 25	3 60	1 30
Courland.....	S. P. Briggs.....	28	6	34	2	1	1	6	20	3	11 25	4 50	3 75	3 75	2 50	1 00
Ravenna and Moorland.....	A. M. Bodine.....	36	5	41	1	1	1	8	50	4	12 15	4 86	4 05	4 05	2 70	1 08
Eastley and Grayline.....	Glen Bodine.....	52	4	56	2	1	1	15	35	2	11 25	4 50	3 75	3 75	2 50	1 08
Eastley and Grayline.....	E. F. Garter.....	46	8	54	2	1	1	13	37	12	23 40	9 36	7 80	7 80	5 20	2 08
Coral and Howard City.....	Wm. A. Feighner.....	52	4	56	1	1	1	30	100	5	22 95	9 18	7 65	7 65	5 20	2 08
Altona and Brady Lake.....	Ellis Mellott.....	30	1	31	1	1	1	9	44	5	13 50	5 40	4 50	4 50	3 00	1 20
Lake View and Six Lakes.....																
Ionía District																
Grand Ledge and Eagle.....	W. H. Bodine, District Elder	40	2	42	1	1	2	12	40	10	17 10	6 84	5 70	5 70	3 80	1 52
Sunnield and Shaytown.....	C. H. Bartlett.....	37	2	39	2	1	3	13	45	10	16 20	6 48	5 40	5 40	3 60	1 44
Morgan, Castleton & Maple Grove	O. A. Kester.....	192	1	193	1	1	2	10	35	6	10 55	8 16	7 05	7 05	4 00	1 82
Saranac.....	George A. Atkin.....	62	0	62	1	1	1	16	70	25	23 35	11 73	9 25	9 25	6 50	2 60
Clarens and Belding.....	S. R. Whitmore.....	19	1	20	1	1	1	2	13	2	8 55	3 42	2 85	2 85	2 74	1 00
Clarens and Belding.....	I. B. Griswold.....	19	1	20	1	1	1	16	13	2	8 55	3 42	2 85	2 85	2 74	1 00
Arthur Disbrow.....	Arthur Disbrow.....	19	1	20	1	1	1	16	13	2	8 55	3 42	2 85	2 85	2 74	1 00
Mt. Pleasant, Lincoln and Richmond.....	G. W. Kiffer.....	34	5	39	1	1	3	14	63	14	14 85	5 94	4 95	4 95	3 30	1 32
Alma and Burns Schoolhouse.....	Mary J. Finch.....	26	2	28	1	1	1	4	20	4	10 80	4 32	3 60	3 60	2 40	96
St. Louis and County Line.....	L. H. Hahn.....	35	3	38	1	1	2	11	41	5	12 15	4 86	4 05	4 05	2 70	1 08
Elm Hall and Sumner.....	E. H. Duryee.....	24	1	25	1	1	1	7	25	3	11 25	4 50	3 75	3 75	2 50	1 00
Stanton, Westville and Enrican	W. H. Jury.....	7	1	8	1	1	1	1	1	2	8 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fishville, Evergreen and Sand Ridge.....	Nathan White.....	26	.....	26	.....	.....	.....	5	12	3	6 48	2 70	2 40	2 40	1 70	.....
Hastings and Kingslinsmith Schoolhouse.....	E. C. Bigelow.....	22	6	28	1	1	1	7	25	5	6 70	2 52	2 10	2 10	1 40	56
Greenville and Fenwick.....	A. A. Thompson.....	25	9	34	1	1	1	6	25	7	13 05	5 22	4 35	4 35	2 80	1 16

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BIG RAPIDS, TRAVERSE AND SAULT STE. MARIE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	BIG RAPIDS, TRAVERSE AND SAULT STE. MARIE DISTRICTS											Church Extension and Aid Society	General Missions	Conference Missions Claims	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Claims	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Entertainment General Conference
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Big Rapids District	J. E. Sanders, District Elder	28	1	28	1	1	3	18	61	6	11 70	4 68	3 90	3 90	3 90	4 68	3 90	3 90	2 60	1 04
	Big Rapids and River	12	1	12	1	1	1	8	25	5	3 60	1 44	1 20	1 20	1 20	1 44	1 20	1 20	2 60	1 32
	Woodville and Barton	23	5	28	2	1	1	8	18	5	3 60	1 44	1 20	1 20	1 20	1 44	1 20	1 20	2 60	1 32
	L. T. Wilson	23	5	28	2	1	1	8	18	5	3 60	1 44	1 20	1 20	1 20	1 44	1 20	1 20	2 60	1 32
	H. E. Packard	23	5	28	2	1	1	8	18	5	3 60	1 44	1 20	1 20	1 20	1 44	1 20	1 20	2 60	1 32
	Ray Russell	23	5	28	2	1	1	8	18	5	3 60	1 44	1 20	1 20	1 20	1 44	1 20	1 20	2 60	1 32
	Bristol and Ruckle	23	5	28	2	1	1	8	18	5	3 60	1 44	1 20	1 20	1 20	1 44	1 20	1 20	2 60	1 32
	J. W. Archer	23	5	28	2	1	1	8	18	5	3 60	1 44	1 20	1 20	1 20	1 44	1 20	1 20	2 60	1 32
	J. G. Watson	23	5	28	2	1	1	8	18	5	3 60	1 44	1 20	1 20	1 20	1 44	1 20	1 20	2 60	1 32
	Charles Galt	23	5	28	2	1	1	8	18	5	3 60	1 44	1 20	1 20	1 20	1 44	1 20	1 20	2 60	1 32
	T. W. Sullivan	23	5	28	2	1	1	8	18	5	3 60	1 44	1 20	1 20	1 20	1 44	1 20	1 20	2 60	1 32
	Rose Lake and Marion	23	5	28	2	1	1	8	18	5	3 60	1 44	1 20	1 20	1 20	1 44	1 20	1 20	2 60	1 32
	Fork and Sheridan	23	5	28	2	1	1	8	18	5	3 60	1 44	1 20	1 20	1 20	1 44	1 20	1 20	2 60	1 32
	Weldman and Broomfield	23	5	28	2	1	1	8	18	5	3 60	1 44	1 20	1 20	1 20	1 44	1 20	1 20	2 60	1 32
Traverse District	J. E. Sanders, District Elder	28	1	28	1	1	3	18	61	6	11 70	4 68	3 90	3 90	3 90	4 68	3 90	3 90	2 60	1 04
	Traverse City and West Branch	12	1	12	1	1	1	8	25	5	3 60	1 44	1 20	1 20	1 20	1 44	1 20	1 20	2 60	1 32
	Lake City and Williamsburg	23	5	28	2	1	1	8	18	5	3 60	1 44	1 20	1 20	1 20	1 44	1 20	1 20	2 60	1 32
	Traverse City and Williamsburg	23	5	28	2	1	1	8	18	5	3 60	1 44	1 20	1 20	1 20	1 44	1 20	1 20	2 60	1 32
	Kingsley and Bartlett Schoolhouse	23	5	28	2	1	1	8	18	5	3 60	1 44	1 20	1 20	1 20	1 44	1 20	1 20	2 60	1 32
	Lodi and Kalkaska	23	5	28	2	1	1	8	18	5	3 60	1 44	1 20	1 20	1 20	1 44	1 20	1 20	2 60	1 32
	Manitowish and Barnhart	23	5	28	2	1	1	8	18	5	3 60	1 44	1 20	1 20	1 20	1 44	1 20	1 20	2 60	1 32
	Manitowish and Barnhart	23	5	28	2	1	1	8	18	5	3 60	1 44	1 20	1 20	1 20	1 44	1 20	1 20	2 60	1 32
	Manitowish and Barnhart	23	5	28	2	1	1	8	18	5	3 60	1 44	1 20	1 20	1 20	1 44	1 20	1 20	2 60	1 32
	Manitowish and Barnhart	23	5	28	2	1	1	8	18	5	3 60	1 44	1 20	1 20	1 20	1 44	1 20	1 20	2 60	1 32
	Manitowish and Barnhart	23	5	28	2	1	1	8	18	5	3 60	1 44	1 20	1 20	1 20	1 44	1 20	1 20	2 60	1 32
	Manitowish and Barnhart	23	5	28	2	1	1	8	18	5	3 60	1 44	1 20	1 20	1 20	1 44	1 20	1 20	2 60	1 32
	Manitowish and Barnhart	23	5	28	2	1	1	8	18	5	3 60	1 44	1 20	1 20	1 20	1 44	1 20	1 20	2 60	1 32
	Manitowish and Barnhart	23	5	28	2	1	1	8	18	5	3 60	1 44	1 20	1 20	1 20	1 44	1 20	1 20	2 60	1 32
Sault Ste. Marie District	J. E. Sanders, District Elder	28	1	28	1	1	3	18	61	6	11 70	4 68	3 90	3 90	3 90	4 68	3 90	3 90	2 60	1 04
	Sault Ste. Marie	19	7	26	1	1	2	11	21	1	8 10	3 24	2 70	2 70	2 70	3 24	2 70	2 70	1 80	72
	Hay Lake	37	5	42	1	1	2	10	45	1	17 10	6 84	5 70	5 70	5 70	6 84	5 70	5 70	3 80	1 52
	Duffer	8	1	9	1	1	1	6	20	1	5 40	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 80	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 20	48
	T. Pitch Huff	8	1	9	1	1	1	6	20	1	5 40	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 80	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 20	48
	T. Pitch Huff	8	1	9	1	1	1	6	20	1	5 40	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 80	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 20	48
	T. Pitch Huff	8	1	9	1	1	1	6	20	1	5 40	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 80	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 20	48
	T. Pitch Huff	8	1	9	1	1	1	6	20	1	5 40	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 80	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 20	48
	T. Pitch Huff	8	1	9	1	1	1	6	20	1	5 40	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 80	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 20	48
	T. Pitch Huff	8	1	9	1	1	1	6	20	1	5 40	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 80	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 20	48
	T. Pitch Huff	8	1	9	1	1	1	6	20	1	5 40	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 80	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 20	48
	T. Pitch Huff	8	1	9	1	1	1	6	20	1	5 40	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 80	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 20	48
	T. Pitch Huff	8	1	9	1	1	1	6	20	1	5 40	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 80	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 20	48
	T. Pitch Huff	8	1	9	1	1	1	6	20	1	5 40	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 80	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 20	48
Total		1744	211	1955	46	21	85	522	2209	322	\$ 753 42	\$ 298 99	\$ 251 30	\$ 247 64	\$ 155 87	\$ 58 46	\$ 155 87	\$ 58 46	\$ 155 87	\$ 58 46

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH MICHIGAN CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

GRAND RAPIDS AND IONIA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Mission- ary Claim	Woman's For- eign Missionary Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Re- ceipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
Grand Rapids District															
Grand Rapids.....	\$	\$ 37 60	\$	\$	\$	\$ 42 00	\$ 2 60	\$ 500 00	\$ 120 00	\$ 53 50	\$ 6 00	1	\$ 1500	1	\$ 1300
Zeeland.....	30 56	35	213 75	.....	22 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Coopersville.....	5 73	6 00	2 00	.....	29 75	1 65	300 00	150 00	57 75	20 26	1	3000	1	2000
Brutusport and County Line.....	9 00	1 15	315 66	40 00	47 00	.....	1	1000	1	600
Sparta and Tyrone.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	54 50	.....	343 35	120 00	40 00	.....	1	1200	1	1200
Carleton Springs.....	7 10	.....	.....	21 71	1 95	313 13	60 00	36 00	.....	1	900	1	400
Carleton and Moorland.....	21 52	1 50	350 00	36 00	44 10	.....	1	3000	1	500
Bavenna and Moorland.....	21 52	1 50	318 00	35 00	33 00	.....	1	800	1	350
Bradley and Gregoryville.....	25 70	1 25	218 00	32 00	32 00	6 00	1	800	1	700
Enslay and Towlaine.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	13 32	1 25	107 50	20 00	50 00	.....	1	1200	1	500
Coral and Howard City.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	55 68	1 60	400 00	60 00	40 00	5 50	1	3000	1	500
Altona and Brady Lake.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	40 13	1 50	276 64	36 00	40 00	.....	1	3000	1	500
Lake View and Six Lakes.....	15 00	1 50	261 00	60 00	43 75	.....	1	2700	1	600
Ionia District															
Grand Ledge and Eagle.....	24 75	.....	.....	.....	37 36	1 90	446 21	100 00	60 00	.....	3	3500	1	1400
Sanford and Shaytown.....	29 11	1 80	462 21	75 00	69 50	.....	2	2400	1	1000
Magnolia, Castleton & Maple Grove.....	1 00	.....	.....	17 48	2 35	425 90	48 00	50 00	.....	3	2000	1	600
Sargans.....	10 00	50 02	2 25	.....	7 67	1 15	329 32	60 00	26 00	.....	1	2000	1	1000
Orleans and Belding.....	53 00	3 25	403 00	72 00	63 50	.....	2	4300	1	700
Clare.....	9 63	.....	173 49	80 00	24 50	.....	1	2000	1	1500
Mt. Pleasant, Lincoln and Rich- mond.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	28 75	1 65	318 75	50 00	35 50	.....	1	2300	1	700
Alma and Burns Schoolhouse.....	11 50	.....	.....	.....	21 00	1 20	187 60	72 00	32 00	.....	1	1200	1	1000
St. Louis and County Line.....	1 80	.....	.....	.....	26 03	1 35	529 19	60 00	40 00	.....	1	1200	1	700
Edin Hall and Sumner.....	16 69	1 25	289 18	48 00	32 00	.....	1	3000	1	350
Stanton, Westville and Entrican.....	50 00	48 00	23 50	.....	1	1500	1	500
Fishville, Evergreen and Sand Ridge.....	2	.....	.....	.....
Hastings and Klinginsmith Schoolhouse.....	1 45	13 25	.....	44	4 00	94	80 00	.....	24 00	.....	2	800	.....	.....
Greenville and Fenwick.....	14 00	70	155 00	72 00	32 00	.....	2	1300	1	800

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH MICHIGAN CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

BIG RAPIDS, TRAVERSE AND SAULT STE. MARIE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Mission- ary Claim	Woman's For- eign Missionary Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
Big Rapids District															
Big Rapids and River	\$			\$ 20	\$ 1 65	\$ 29 68	\$ 1 30	287 45	72 00	32 00	00 00	1	1200	1	600
Wedlock and Barton					20	20 47	40	224 00	36 00	24 00	00 00	1	1000	1	500
Bristol and Backus					10	36	1 25	221 00	7 00	24 00	00 00				
Ersk and Chippewa					40	75 00	4 10	400 00	50 00	75 50	00 00		3400	1	500
Fork and Sheridan					40	00	2 30	300 00	50 00	38 00	00 00		2500	1	1000
Rose Lake and Marion		6 15			61	44	2 20	375 00	32 00	42 00	00 00		2600	1	600
Cadillac		7 25		72	33 56	9 00	1 50	660 72	200 00	43 00	00 00		4000	1	2500
Weidman and Deerfield					3 00			4 00	24 00	32 00	00 00		1300	1	300
Millbrook and Broomfield					26 76		1 50	321 00	100 00	22 00	00 00		1000	1	300
Ladlington and Pentwater					81 44		3 65	500 20	64 00	48 00	00 00		5400	1	1800
Scottville, Custer & Sugar Grove		8 16			15 00		90	183 06	28 00	28 00	00 00		800	1	600
Walkerville and Shilo Schoolhouse															
Traverse District															
Manton and Greenwood		2 24	100 74		4 43	42 94	2 85	486 22	75 00	65 48	30 00	1	3000	1	1500
Lake City and West Branch						4 67	1 20	182 10	36 00	25 32	00 00		400	1	800
Traverse City and Williamsburg		5 00	22 57	6 00		14 00	1 35	70 53	44 00	29 50	00 00		500	1	500
Kingsley and Bartlett Schoolhouse						6 00		210 45	48 00	28 00	3 86		1350	1	600
Lodi and Kalkaska						21 68		368 67	48 00	50 25	00 00		800	1	300
Mancelona and Barnhart		22 00			1 07	46 57	2 30	421 12	48 00	58 16	3 40	2	1000	1	400
Elmira			7 15		1 14	23 15	55	193 38	60 00	22 03	5 04		800	1	400
Central Lake and East Jordan						22 00		278 50	36 00	45 71	18 19	1	1000	1	400
Boyer City			4 70			39 85	75	352 14	60 00	30 21	10 80	1	800	1	500
Empire								134 31	36 00	28 00	00 00		700	1	500
Coffax						25 00	2 20	325 00	75 00	40 85	25 00	2	1500	1	700
Benchier						20 00		100 00	48 00	26 00	00 00		900	1	200
Cherry Grove, Boon and Har- etta			1 25												
Sault Ste. Marie District															
Sault Ste. Marie						24 26	90	200 20	80 00	48 00	00 00	2	2000	1	1000
Hay Lake					1 20	30 00	1 90	310 00	50 00	64 00	00 00	2	1200	1	600
Daffer						18 00	1 60	290 00	30 00	42 00	3 00	1	800	1	350
Total	\$ 157 63	\$ 222 78	\$ 13 17	\$ 10 13	\$ 1387 57	\$ 69 19	\$ 15669 28	\$ 2835 00	\$ 2129 20	\$ 136 45	\$ 89150 46	83	\$ 89150 46	46	\$ 35350

NORTH MICHIGAN CONFERENCE RECORD

Session	PLACE	TIME	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
1	St. Johns, Michigan	September 27, 1876	B. T. Roberts	C. S. Gitchell
2	Gaines, "	October 10, 1877	E. P. Hart	"
3	Coopersville, "	October 2, 1878	B. T. Roberts	"
4	Holly, "	September 24, 1879	E. P. Hart	"
5	Gaines, "	September 29, 1880	B. T. Roberts	"
6	Corunna, "	September 28, 1881	E. P. Hart	"
7	Coopersville, "	September 27, 1882	B. T. Roberts	"
8	West Flint, "	September 26, 1883	E. P. Hart	"
9	Orleans, "	September 22, 1884	E. P. Hart	"
10	Cedar Springs, "	September 2, 1885	B. T. Roberts	"
11	Orleans, "	September 22, 1886	E. P. Hart	"
12	Cedar Springs, "	October 12, 1887	B. T. Roberts	F. A. Smith
13	Amble, "	August 22, 1888	E. P. Hart	"
14	"	August 28, 1889	G. W. Coleman	"
15	Lakeview, "	August 29, 1890	B. T. Roberts	"
16	"	August 19, 1891	E. P. Hart	"
17	Sunfield, "	August 17, 1892	G. W. Coleman	"
18	Lincoln, "	September 13, 1893	G. W. Coleman	"
19	Coopersville, "	August 15, 1894	E. P. Hart	"
20	Manton, "	August 14, 1895	G. W. Coleman	"
21	Clarksville, "	August 12, 1896	B. R. Jones	"
22	Lakeview, "	August 22, 1897	E. P. Hart	C. L. Lambertson
23	Paris, "	August 3, 1898	G. W. Coleman	"
24	Cadillac, "	August 23, 1899	W. A. Sellew	"
25	Lakeview, "	August 22, 1900	B. R. Jones	"
26	Manton, "	September 11, 1901	E. P. Hart	"
27	Coopersville, "	September 17, 1902	G. W. Coleman	"
28	Cadillac, "	August 19, 1903	W. A. Sellew	"
29	Belding, "	August 10, 1904	B. R. Jones	"
30	Cedar Springs, "	August 16, 1905	E. P. Hart	"
31	Manton, "	August 22, 1906	W. T. Hogue	"
32	"	August 21, 1907	W. A. Sellew	"
33	"	August 12, 1908	B. R. Jones	J. O. Hinder
34	"	August 11, 1909	William Pearce	"
35	"	August 10, 1910	W. A. Sellew	"
36	"	August 16, 1911	W. A. Sellew	J. A. Hudnutt
37	"	August 14, 1912	B. R. Jones	"

EAST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-ninth Annual Session, held at the
Broadway Baptist Church, Bay City, Michigan,
August 28-31, 1912

OFFICERS

BURTON R. JONES, *President*
S. H. PORTERFIELD, *Secretary* E. D. HARTLEY, *Assistant Secretary*
W. J. JACKSON, *Statistical Secretary* M. L. BOVEE, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—B. R. Jones, C. H. Woods, W. J. Jackson, A. D. Warren,
H. Barnes, H. Voorhess, A. J. Stevens.
On Reforms—M. W. Hoyt, W. H. Iles, George Smith.
On Church Literature—M. E. Howard, J. J. Morrish, Bert Green.
On Raising Funds for Publishing the Minutes—A. E. Potbury, A. E. Thomas.
On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.
On Sabbath-schools—E. D. Hartley, H. Barnes, Maggie J. Sage, Martha Cantley,
Carrie Rensberry.
On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.
On Quarterly Conference Records—G. I. Chalker, H. Voorhess, Clarence Angus,
Leonard Sage.
On Education—N. M. Cooke, J. P. Burdett, Arthur Haight.
On Auditing the Treasurer's Accounts—N. M. Cooke, A. M. Brown.
On the State of the Work—The district elders.
On Charities—C. E. Caswell, M. P. Haller, Stephen Frazier.
On Finance—W. W. Hoyt, W. E. Hosmer.
On Memoirs—F. J. Calkins, F. E. Crippen, W. W. Hoyt.
On Claimants and Claims—B. R. Jones, S. H. Porterfield, F. J. Calkins, W. H.
Bunce, C. H. Lee.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

W. J. Jackson, J. N. Wilson, H. Voorhess, Leonard Williams, Wesley Carr.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

E. D. Hartley, president; M. L. Bovee, secretary; J. H. McMillan, treasurer;
C. P. Lake, W. Ragen.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

A. J. Stevens, for one year; M. L. Bovee, for two years; H. Barnes, for three
years.

CONFERENCE SUNDAY-SCHOOL SECRETARY

E. D. Hartley, secretary, Mt. Forest, Michigan; W. W. Hoyt, assistant secre-
tary, Breckenridge, R. F. D., Michigan.

CONFERENCE TREASURER

M. L. Bovee, 742 Milwaukee avenue, E. Detroit, Michigan.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

The conference ordered that all conference claims be raised during the first
six months of the conference year.

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Church Literature—W. J. Hallead, *On Reforms*—C. E. Caswell.
On Sabbath-schools—E. D. Hartley, *On Charities*—H. Barnes.
On Education—A. A. York, *On Finance*—H. Voorhess.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

S. Johnson,	F. E. Crippen,	H. Barnes,
I. Mudge,	W. G. Roe,	M. W. Hoyt,
M. DeVoist,	J. A. Spencer,	G. I. Chalker,
C. D. Hoadley,	W. E. Hosmer,	A. E. Thomas,
D. C. Embury,	S. J. Reed,	T. J. Selman,
F. J. Calkins,	W. J. Jackson,	A. E. Potbury,
W. W. Hoyt,	A. J. Stevens,	M. P. Haller,
S. G. Bartlett,	J. P. Burdett,	G. A. Hosmer,
E. D. Hartley,	W. J. Hallead,	Amos Bruff,
H. Voorhess,	N. M. Cooke,	C. C. Garnett,
W. H. Iles,	A. D. Warren,	J. W. Anderson,
A. Tice,	M. E. Howard,	J. J. Morrish,
M. Cuthbert,	A. A. York,	F. J. McCarty,
M. L. Bovee,	J. A. Phillips,	J. A. Kelly,
A. S. Stambaugh,	E. B. Call,	C. H. Woods,
S. H. Porterfield,	J. H. McMillan,	Claude McCallum,
J. N. Wilson,	C. E. Caswell,	Victor Rensberry,
William Rumley,	F. L. Crandall,	

[Martha Cantley, evangelist, having a seat in the conference.]

DELEGATES

G. L. Smith,	Carrie Rensberry,	John Scott,
Arvilla Bruff,	Jessey Regets,	W. H. Bunce,
Beatrice H. Welch,	J. L. Sage,	T. C. Hickey,
Stephen Frazier,	G. B. Putnam,	T. J. Reynolds,
C. H. Mehlberg,	Lewis Snyder,	R. C. Simmons,
Adeline Baker,	George Peasley,	Preston Miles,
Vincent Dean,	W. O. Phillips,	Arthur Haight,
Arwin Killinger,	Edwin M. King,	C. H. Lee,
Marietta Dean,	Lee Cole,	George Shannon,
C. A. Stanlake,	William Reid,	Catherine Tulloh,
Tecumseh Ashman,	Clarence Angus,	Annie Barrows,
Maggie J. Sage,	Leonard Williams,	Charles Marshall,
Albert Kilburn,	Harry Baker,	E. M. Field,
B. L. Green,	William Ragen,	Lawrence Fletcher,
C. P. Lake,	John Mardlin,	Henry Powell,
Emma Mosher,	A. M. Brown,	

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. R. Jones, A. J. Stevens, S. H. Porterfield, A. D. Warren, F. J. Calkins, Lewis Snyder, W. H. Bunce, William Ragen, C. H. Lee.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? W. Pickard, F. M. Brown.

4. Who remain on trial? R. E. Crouch, I. L. Mudge, Bert Case, H. C. Hammond, W. A. Knight, A. C. M. Johnson.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? F. J. McCarty, J. A. Kelly, C. H. Woods, Claude McCallum, Victor Rensberry.

6. Who are the deacons? W. J. Jackson, W. E. Hosmer, E. B. Call, F. L. Crandall, M. W. Hoyt, A. E. Thomas, T. J. Selman, A. E. Potbury, J. W.

Anderson, J. J. Morrish, F. J. McCarty, J. A. Kelly, C. H. Woods, Claude McCalum, Victor Rensberry.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? M. P. Haller, G. A. Hosmer, Amos Bruff.

8. Who have located this year? H. L. Yakes, W. S. Mulholland.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? M. E. Howard, C. D. Hoadley, J. A. Spencer, Bert Case, H. C. Hammond, W. G. Roe.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? S. Johnson, W. W. Hoyt, W. H. Iles, M. Cuthbert, William Rumley, F. E. Crippen, S. J. Reed, A. Tice, I. Mudge, E. D. Hartley, D. C. Emburg, J. P. Burdett, A. S. Stambaugh.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? A. A. York, J. A. Phillips, from the North Michigan conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

15. Who have died this year? B. F. Doolittle.

16-20. See statistical reports.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? E. D. Hartley, \$100; William Rumley, \$50; A. Tice, \$75; S. Johnson, \$90; D. C. Emburg, \$50; I. Mudge, \$50; W. H. Iles, \$120; M. Cuthbert, \$40; F. E. Crippen, \$75; J. P. Burdett, \$40; Theresa Currier, \$25; Eunice Doolittle, \$50; Maggie Davis, \$60; Maggie J. Sage, \$150.

22-24. See statistics.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? It was decided to hold the next session on the Bay City district camp-ground. The time to be as near the first Wednesday in September as can be arranged by the bishop.

APPOINTMENTS

ST. JOHNS DISTRICT—S. H. PORTERFIELD, District Elder, Box 474, Elsie, Michigan.

St. Johns and South Ovid.....	W. J. Hallead, St. Johns, Michigan
Elsie, Ovid and Eureka.....	Edison Leininger, supply, Elsie, "
Ithaca, North Star and Sickles.....	H. L. Howell, supply, Ithaca, "
Racy, Fergus and Brant.....	T. J. Selman, Elsie, R. F. D., "
Owosso and Corunna.....	M. W. Hoyt, 707 Grand avenue, Owosso, "
New Haven and Lennon.....	J. J. Morrish, Owosso, R. F. D., "
Locke and Perry.....	H. Voorhess, Williamston, R. F. D., "
Williamston and Webberville.....	A. A. York, Williamston, "
Dansville.....	M. P. Haller, Dansville, "
Lansing.....	J. H. McMillan, Lansing, "
South Lyon and Silver Lake.....	J. W. Anderson, South Lyon, "
Porter, Bethany and Wheeler.....	G. I. Chalker, Breckenridge, R. F. D., "
Livingston.....	A. C. M. Johnson, Fowlerville, R. F. D., "

M. DeVost, evangelist; S. Johnson, W. W. Hoyt, M. Cuthbert, W. H. Iles, superannuated; M. E. Howard, C. D. Hoadley, J. A. Spencer, Bert Case, supernumerary.

FLINT DISTRICT—F. J. CALKINS, District Elder, Corunna, Michigan

Flint, First and Second Church.....	W. J. Jackson, 724 Oak street, Flint, Michigan
West Flint and Linden.....	Robert Parker, supply, Flint, R. F. D., "
Durand and Swartz Creek.....	C. C. Garnett, Durand, "
Davison, Cobb and Bassett.....	F. J. McCarty, Davison, "
Otisville.....	Victor Rensberry, Otisville, "
Montrose, Clio and Hazelton.....	Otis Gordon, supply, Montrose, R. F. D., "
Germany.....	D. E. Dean, supply, Fenton, R. F. D., "

Hadley, Brandon and Oxford.....To be supplied
 Amy and Pontiac.....E. B. Call, Amy, Michigan
 Washington, Ray and Romeo.....To be supplied
 Saginaw.....C. E. Caswell, 621 Clinton street, West Side, Saginaw, Michigan
 Goodrich.....To be supplied

S. G. Bartlett, supplying work in the Genesee conference; M. L. Boyce, evangelist; William Rumley, F. E. Crippen, S. J. Reed, superannuated; W. S. Mulholland, located according to paragraph 96 of the Discipline, membership at Pontiac, Michigan.

PORT HURON DISTRICT—A. D. WARREN, District Elder, Woodlawn avenue, Owosso, Michigan

Port Huron.....R. E. Crouch, 1425 Elmwood avenue, Port Huron, Michigan
 Marine City.....To be supplied
 Kimball and China.....F. M. Brown, Smith Creek, R. F. D., Michigan
 Memphis.....A. E. Thomas, Memphis, "
 Yale.....G. A. Hosmer, Yale, "
 Ball, Buel and Crosswell.....Clarence E. King, supply
 Elmer and Lynch.....W. Pickard, Sandusky, R. F. D., Michigan
 Snover, Argyle and Noko.....J. A. Kelly, Snover, "
 Harbor Beach and Town Line.....William Cross, supply, Harbor Beach, "
 Bad Axe, Uby and Meade.....H. Barnes, Uby, "
 Wilmot and Evergreen.....Joseph King, supply, Shabbona, R. F. D., "
 Caro and Akron.....Claude McCallum, Caro, R. F. D., "
 Mayville and Rich.....Arthur Placer, supply, Mayville, "
 Burnside and Lum.....J. R. Garnett, supply, Lum, "
 Sandusky, Carsonville and Deckerville.....E. Willerton, supply

A. Tice, I. Mudge, superannuated; H. C. Hammond, supernumerary.

BAY CITY DISTRICT—A. J. STEVENS, District Elder, 1106 Litchfield street, Bay City, West Side, Michigan

Bay City.....C. H. Woods, 706 Lafayette street, Bay City, Michigan
 Bay City, West Side.....To be supplied
 Alamando, Luman and Midland.....A. E. Potbury, Coleman, R. F. D., "
 Fraser and Kawkawlin.....Alonzo Soldan, supply, Linwood, R. F. D., "
 Arenac, Standish and Whitefeather.....Robert Hockaday, supply, Standish, R. F. D., "
 Gladwin and West Grout.....William Marvin, supply, Gladwin, "
 Hockaday and Sherman.....W. A. Knight, Hockaday, "
 Highwood and Mt. Forest.....I. L. Mudge, Highwood, "
 Maple Ridge and Melita.....Amos Bruff, Maple Ridge, "
 West Branch, Campbell Corners and Edwards.....F. L. Crandall, West Branch, "
 Pinconning Indian Mission.....Adam Hart, supply
 Rose City.....J. N. Wilson, Rose City, Michigan
 Lupton and Sage.....Charles Oaks, supply, Lupton, "
 Siloam, Nestor and Canfield.....G. Southwell, supply, Whittimore, R. F. D., "
 Alpena and Long Lake.....J. A. Phillips, 510 Saginaw street, Alpena, "
 Wilson and Rayburn.....Floyd Voller, supply, Alpena, R. F. D., "
 Walker, Wolverine and LaGrand.....Leonard Williams, supply, Afton, "

E. D. Hartley, D. C. Embury, J. P. Burdett, A. S. Stambaugh, superannuated; N. M. Cooke, W. E. Hosmer, supplying work in the Michigan conference; M. G. Powell, discontinued, membership fixed at Mt. Forest, Michigan; H. L. Yakes, located at his own request, membership fixed at Standish; W. G. Roe, supernumerary.

LOCAL DEACONS

Robert Parker, Flint, R. F. D., Michigan	George Bartle, Shabbona, R. F. D., Michigan
E. H. Panches, Linden, R. F. D., Michigan	E. Willerton, Sandusky, Michigan
A. Yates, M. D., Washington, Michigan	Moses Smith, West Branch, R. F. D., Michigan
D. P. Morse, Sandusky, R. F. D., Michigan	Lee Cole.....Pontiac, Michigan
	Nathan White.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Jane Wilson.....Rose City, Michigan	Martha Cantley...St. Johns, Michigan
Vinnie Caswell....Saginaw, "	Sophia Morse, Sandusky, R. F. D., Michigan
Emma L. Brown, Elsie, R. F. D., Michigan	Lana D. Haller, Dansville, Michigan
Eunice Doolittle...Otisville, Michigan	Mary O'Neil.....Bad Axe, "
Maggie J. Sage, Port Huron, "	Mary Osman.....Amy, "

LOCAL PREACHERS

J. W. Wood.....Durand, Michigan	Joseph King, Shabbona, R. F. D., Michigan
George Southwell, Whittemore, Michigan	J. Upper.....Otisville, Michigan
Bert Augsburg.....Lennon, Michigan	O. H. Babcock....Gladwin, "
John Tyrell .....Snover, "	Edwin M. King....Ithaca, "
Andrew Tyrell .....Snover, "	C. E. Burt.....Elsie, "
William Reid....Bad Axe, "	Thomas Jenkinson..Owosso, "
D. A. Van Atter.....Alpena, "	Frank Brace ..Williamston, "
J. R. Garnett.....Lum, "	Lyn Scofield, Spring Arbor, "
L. J. Stiles.....Rushton, "	Lewis Snyder.....Ovid, "
Robert Hall.....Burt, "	

TREASURER'S REPORT

CLAIMANTS' FUND—\$902.70.
BISHOPS' SALARIES—\$361.08.
CONFERENCE MISSIONS—\$401.20.
GENERAL MISSIONS—\$300.90.
CHURCH EXTENSION—\$200.60.
PERMANENT FUND—\$100.30.
GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—\$40.12.
FOREIGN MISSIONS—\$127.75.
EDUCATIONAL FUND—\$24.48.
CHILDREN'S FUND—\$23.95.
TOTAL—\$2,483.08.

MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-ninth session of the East Michigan conference was held in the Broadway Baptist church, Bay City, Michigan, August 28-31, 1912. Five sittings of the conference were held. Bishop Burton R. Jones presided with his usual ability and his addresses and sermons on Sunday morning were an inspiration to the conference. A spirit of love and harmony prevailed.

The appointments, with a few exceptions, gave satisfaction. F. L. Baker, of the Michigan conference, visited us in the interest of Spring Arbor Seminary.

Jules Ryff, returned missionary, held a very interesting missionary meeting Sunday afternoon, where about \$500 was raised for foreign missions.

F. A. Smith, of the North Michigan conference, was invited to an honorary seat. A request was sent to the missionary board for an appropriation from the general mission fund of \$150 for Lansing; \$40 for St. Johns; \$50 for Sandusky; \$50 for Siloam, Nestor and Canfield.

The conference ordered that a sum equal to twenty cents a member be raised for conference missions, out of which the following appropriations were made: St. Johns, \$40; Lansing, \$50; Port Huron, \$25; Yale, \$20; Burnside, \$25; District Elder of Bay City district, \$25; Walker and Lagrand, \$25; Highwood, \$25.

A minister's mutual aid society was formed with thirty members. A. A. York was chosen president and J. A. Phillips, secretary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS

We look upon the Sunday-school as one of the most important branches of church work; a work that many good people have failed to recognize the importance of. However, we are glad to notice an increasing interest in it.

We live in a fast age. Youths of tender years are hurried into the paths of worldliness and sin, therefore, to counteract this influence children should be brought under the powerful influence of the gospel before they are led into the vortex of sin and death. As a church we need to be still more impressed with the importance of training the children for heaven in youth, and thus fitting them for usefulness in after years.

The next generation, morally and spiritually, will be what this generation makes it. The state fails in teaching the truths necessary to salvation, it cannot do so under existing laws. Parents, too, often fail. In the majority of homes the importance of this work is never realized, hence if it is done the church must do it, and that through the Sunday-school.

What part can I do in the training of children for God, ought to be the question that every Christian should ask of God on bended knees.

A great responsibility rests upon the pastors, they should study to marshal all the forces under them for aggressiveness in this work, and success would mean that every church member would feel that he had a part to perform.

Systematic Bible study should be introduced into every school, and with properly educated teachers, with the assistance of parents and church members, the Sunday-school would prove to be what it is so frequently called, "The nursery of the church."

"He that winneth souls is wise."

II.—ON REFORMS

We are glad to belong to a church that stands on the reform side of every real reform issue. Almost invariably as the representative of the different reform causes comes to our respective communities he will meet the Free Methodist preacher with these words, "Of course we know that all of your people will stand by us," and then sometimes he will add, "I wish I could say that of the church to which I belong."

We are there; we have always been there, and we always expect to stay there, God being our helper. We do not intend to chase about after every wind that blows, but should another reform issue arise of which we now have not heard and we can be fully persuaded that its cause is reasonable, just and scriptural, we will take that side no matter what the opposition.

We purpose to hold to the ancient landmark which our fathers have set.

We are everlastingly opposed to the liquor traffic, and will fight against it with every weapon placed within our reach.

Secret organizations shall share the same fate.

Catholicism we hate.

We mean to be more careful than ever to keep God's day holy, as we see the world and popular church members becoming so careless along this line.

As to the question of worldly conformity in dress we stand upon the good old foundation, the Bible, and the Free Methodist Discipline. We consider these two books sufficient for purposes of government and are not trying to compel people to conform to our notions and whims. We endeavor to be without partiality and do not unchristianize a young preacher or layman for that for which we would not condemn a man of more prominence.

However, we appreciate the fact that people cannot be ruled into the kingdom of heaven. We want the Holy Spirit.

III.—ON CHARITIES

One of the distinguishing characteristics of the Christian church, from all other religions of the world, is that the poor are cared for. A careful study of the Holy Scriptures, will be sufficient to convince any candid mind, that one part of the mission, of the Christian church, is to care for the physical needs of the poor and destitute. In the sixth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, we find that the early Christian church was confronted with the necessity of calling a council for the purpose of formulating a plan of a more systematical distribution of the fund for the poor, thereby giving us the doctrine of stewardship, which is obligatory upon us as individuals, as societies, and as a church. If we purpose to live in harmony with the Word of God, and enjoy the favor and the blessing, that comes to those who obey God in every good word and work, we must keep close to the sacred Word, by the way of giving heed to its injunctions. We are told by St. James that, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions and to keep himself unspotted from the world. What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have no works? Can faith save him? If a brother or sister be naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them: Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful: what doth it profit? Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone."

Again we learn from the sacred Oracle, what our Savior says concerning our duty in this respect. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Also we are informed by St. John that, "Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" My brethren, "Let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth."

We are glad to note that the Free Methodist church has not lost sight of her privilege in this respect. Already we have launched two very active institutions for this purpose, The Gerry Orphanage and the Old People's Rest Home, located at Gerry, N. Y., and the Chicago Industrial Home for Children, and the Old People's Rest Home, located at Woodstock, Illinois, and these organizations are faithfully and successfully caring for the interests of the aged and infirmed, the orphan and the fallen, and we recommend these institutions as worthy of the prayers and benevolences of our people. Therefore, resolved, that we recognize our obligations to these institutions, by generously supporting them. We are sure that if the church continues to keep holy and active in the work of charity she will finish her mission on earth, as God has designed and the end will be serene and happy, like a glorious sunset, which presages the coming of a new glorious dawn.

IV.—ON THE STATE OF THE WORK

BAY CITY DISTRICT.—The Bay City District includes what was known one year ago as the Bay City and Alpena districts, consisting of seventeen circuits scattered through eight counties. Bay county at the south and Cheboygan at the north. Conference assigned me this field of labor the past year.

The preachers have labored hard and incessantly, both on their circuits and in the general gatherings for the upbuilding of the work. The first district quarterly meeting at West Grout was owned of God. Bishop Burton

R. Jones dedicated the new church, and was greatly helped in preaching the word.

The Highwood circuit has a new church nearly ready for dedication, and Indian Mission has an encouraging subscription toward one. The church at Mapleridge has been thoroughly renovated and the interior looks like new. The church at Bay City also has been re-papered, and plans are under way for more extensive repairs. On the whole the property on the district is in good condition.

The district meeting and holiness convention at Edwards was an inspiration and encouragement to all who attended, although held in midwinter and severely cold weather, there was a large attendance. The June and August camp-meetings, the former held at Whittemore, the latter on the new camp-ground, both resulted in the salvation of many souls and sanctification of believers. On Monday afternoon, at the Arenac meeting, there was a pentecostal outpouring of the Holy Spirit which lasted nearly two hours. The pilgrims were blessed, and in some instances without invitations, sinners came to the altar crying for mercy, while believers were seeking purity.

There will be a necessity of one more assessment on the district for the camp-ground and then we will be free from debt. The preachers and members on the district have received me kindly, and together we have had a prosperous year on Bay City district.

A. J. STEVENS.

PORT HURON DISTRICT.—As the custom is in this conference to make the district elders of the conference the committee on the state of the work, it becomes my duty to report that portion of the conference over which I have traveled the past year.

This district is located, geographically, in what is called the "Thumb of Michigan," comprising that portion of the state between Saginaw bay and Lake Huron. A rich farming country with only one city of any size, Port Huron, hence our work is in the country and small villages, and the membership composed largely of farmers. These are an intelligent, prosperous class, who have reaped the benefit of the wave of financial prosperity that has passed over the country, and many of them are rich and their goods increased. As a whole they are an intelligent class of people, commanding the respect of the public for their intelligence as well as piety. A large percent of the membership are young people.

This district is divided into fourteen charges and twenty-eight societies. There are twenty-seven churches and thirteen parsonages on the district. Both churches and parsonages are in good condition. Several of the parsonages have been newly papered and painted on the inside. One church has been reroofed and one repainted. New sheds have been built at the Noko and the Hall churches, a new parsonage barn was erected during the year at Evergreen.

The pastors who have traveled these charges are young men, and as a whole have labored faithfully and with some success for the upbuilding of the Master's kingdom. Some have been blessed with gracious revivals of religion. At Ubyl there was a goodly number saved, all but two joining the Free Methodist church.

One camp-meeting was held on the district during the summer, and two tent-meetings. The camp-meeting was a fruitful meeting, souls were saved or sanctified in nearly every instance. The tent-meetings at Carsonville and Akron were not as fruitful as we desired, but some good was done. One new charge has been added to the district during the year.

While our blessings and the manifest presence of God during the year have encouraged our hearts, yet we have cause for deep humiliation that we have not accomplished more for God during this time.

Personally I have enjoyed the blessing of God on soul and body during the year, and have held a quarterly meeting every Sabbath with one exception since last conference, and that was the first Sabbath after conference.

A. D. WARREN.

ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.—The St. Johns district during the past year has been manned by ministers whose hearts have been in the work of God, who have toiled on and sacrificed whether appreciated or unappreciated, and have studied to show themselves approved of God; workmen not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. A number of these workmen have not been sufficiently paid to keep them from financial embarrassment and sometimes discouragement. I trust that the whole conference will inaugurate a reform along this line, and in the future pay our ministers enough to properly support them and their families on their respective fields of labor. If there is not a speedy reform on this line I fear that very soon many circuits will be left to be supplied for lack of preachers. God has at least in a measure blessed the labors of these faithful workers and a number of earnest seekers have been saved and sanctified.

Our quarterly meetings as a rule have been seasons of grace and blessing. Quite a number have been seeking pardon or purity at the various quarterly meetings during the year. Our general gatherings, however, especially our district meetings, have not been as well attended as they have in former years. There is a growing tendency on the part of the preachers not to attend the district meetings or to return to their circuits before the Sabbath. I believe this marks decline in the work of God, and will eventually bring about great injury to the work. At our district meeting at Elsie we were favored with the assistance of Bishop Jones, who was made under God a great blessing to us.

We held our camp-meeting on the New Haven circuit, July 25 to August 5. Fifty-one tents were erected and well filled with earnest pilgrims. The Lord greatly blessed the preaching of His word and quite a number were saved and sanctified.

We thank God for His blessing and for what has been done, but we are greatly in need of a wide and deep revival of Bible religion that will drive away apathy and indifference; will send people out to prayer-meeting, and to class-meeting, put life and energy in the Sunday-school, bless our missionary work, and fill the empty pews in our churches. May the Lord send such a revival upon us is my prayer. And I trust that we will be co-workers together with God in bringing about such a glorious state of affairs. S. H. PORTERFIELD.

FLINT DISTRICT.—I regret to say that I have not been as fully in touch with the work as in former years on account of a near collapse last year which caused me to ask for a year of rest at last conference. But after three months took the work assigned Brother A. E. Warren.

I am glad to report that we are generally advancing. No sweeping revivals have been held, but I think there has been some growth on nearly every circuit.

At Pontiac a new church is nearly completed, giving the work more permanence. At Davison the church and parsonage have been revived by a new coat of paint and other repairs, and the work generally revived. So we might say of other circuits.

The district has been manned with God-fearing men that have not shunned to declare the whole counsel of God and there has been an excellent spirit of union among us during the past year. No complaints or discouragements have been expressed, for which we are thankful. We have labored together with a very spirit of oneness.

By vote of the quarterly conference only one camp-meeting was held, this at Otisville. Many were saved and sanctified. Bishop Pearce was with us and indeed preached in the power of the Spirit and was made a great blessing to both saints and sinners. Rev. E. B. Call, the pastor, did much by his constant and faithful labors to promote the success of the meeting. Over fifty tents were pitched on the ground, all well filled, and nearly all remained until the close. On Sunday evening there was a terrific electric storm in which Brother Call's horse was killed and other damage done, but out of it all the Lord hath delivered. As we retrospect, we are enabled to say to the glory of God, we have grown in grace and notwithstanding past conflicts we are better able now than a year ago to renew the fight.

F. J. CALKINS.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE EAST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

SAINT JOHNS AND FLINT DISTRICTS

CHURCH	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claims	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Entertainment General Conference
Saint Johns District																
S. H. Porterfield, District Elder																
Saint Johns	Martha Cantley, supply	29	1	30	1	1	1	8	35	6	13 05	15 22	80	4 35	1 10	58
Elsie and Ovid	Bert Case	59	1	60	1	1	1	10	55	12	27 45	10 98	54	9 15	6 10	7
Brecken and So. Ovid	S. H. Porterfield	10	1	11	1	1	1	7	25	6	8 55	3 42	60	8 45	1 30	38
Ilwaco, North Star & Slickles	T. J. Selman	19	1	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	28 25	11 34	12 60	9 45	6 30	12
Race, Pegasus and Brant	Joseph King, supply	60	10	70	1	1	4	12	150	10	24 75	9 90	11 00	8 25	5 30	1 10
Owosso and Cornua	M. W. Hoyt	57	7	64	1	1	1	11	40	20	13 95	5 38	6 20	4 05	3 10	10
New Haven, Lennon, etc.	John Kelly	23	1	24	1	1	1	24	80	15	18 25	13 00	17 00	12 55	7 20	10
Locke and Perry	H. Voorhees	75	1	76	1	1	1	13	65	10	18 45	5 21	14 20	6 15	2 30	10
Wilboston and Webberville	J. H. McMillan	41	1	42	1	1	1	6	50	10	12 95	5 22	8 80	6 35	4 10	58
Lausling Mission	J. P. Hatfield	21	2	23	1	1	1	1	1	1	12 25	4 50	4 78	3 50	2 00	88
St. Johns and Silver Lake	Myron Dowdell	28	1	29	1	1	1	1	28	7	27 00	10 80	12 00	10 20	6 00	120
Porter, Bethany and Wheeler	G. J. Chandler	67	1	68	1	1	1	24	120	10	24 30	9 72	10 80	8 10	5 40	1 08
Livagston	A. C. M. Johnson	47	1	48	1	1	1	11	60	10	24 30	9 72	10 80	8 10	5 40	1 08
Flint District																
F. J. Calkins, District Elder																
Flint, First and Second churches	W. J. Jackson	102	4	106	2	2	12	22	182	41	45 00	18 00	20 00	15 00	10 00	105
West Flint and Linden	W. J. Hatfield	44	1	45	1	1	1	12	45	6	21 60	8 64	9 60	5 35	4 80	305
Durand and Swartz Creek	C. C. Garnett	20	1	21	1	1	1	10	50	6	13 05	6 22	5 80	4 35	4 90	105
Davison, Cobb and Bassett	F. J. McCarty	39	4	43	1	1	12	12	60	14	18 00	7 70	8 00	6 00	4 00	194
Ottaville	E. B. Cull	42	4	46	1	1	1	8	50	10	21 15	8 76	9 40	7 05	4 70	194
Hazleton, Montrose, Clio, etc.	Oris B. Gordon, supply	42	6	48	1	1	1	8	45	6	24 75	9 90	11 00	8 25	5 30	1 10
Germany	S. J. Reed	26	1	27	1	1	1	19	95	4	11 45	4 80	5 40	4 05	3 00	38
Hadley and Brandon	Arthur Pincer, supply	24	1	25	1	1	1	8	45	7	12 50	5 46	6 00	4 50	3 00	460
May and Pontiac	Victor Petersberg	22	1	23	1	1	1	1	28	1	12 60	5 00	5 00	3 20	1 50	46
Washington, Roy and Romeo	J. W. Russell	27	1	28	1	1	1	1	48	5	10 35	4 14	4 40	3 30	2 30	50
St. Johns	C. E. Cassell	25	1	26	1	1	1	1	30	5	10 35	4 14	4 40	3 30	2 30	50
Grandin	F. J. Calkins	25	1	26	1	1	1	1	30	5	10 35	4 14	4 40	3 30	2 30	50

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BAY CITY AND PORT HURON DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER										Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claims	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Entertainment General Conference	
Bay City District																										
Bay City	25	4	29	1	1	1	1	10	50	3	15 75	6 30	7 00	5 25	3 50	70										
Bay City, West Side	10	9	19					7	40		4 50	1 80	2 00	1 50	1 00	20										
Alamando and No. Bradley	35	9	44					8	30	1	14 41	5 76	6 40	4 80	3 20	50										
Fraser, Kawkanin and Mt. F.	22	13	35					15	75	4	12 60	5 04	5 60	4 20	2 80	64										
Gladwin and W. Groat	41	18	59					14	60	1	14 40	5 04	5 60	4 20	2 80	56										
Glenn and So. Butman	44	18	62	1	1	1	1	14	146	1	18 45	7 38	8 20	6 15	4 10	140										
Highway and So. Butman	13	2	15					6	30	1	8 10	3 24	3 60	1 16												
Maple Branch and Melita	47	5	52					15	85	6	18 90	7 56	8 40	6 30	4 20	170										
West Branch C. C. & Edwards	40	3	43	1	1	1	1	25	100	6	16 20	6 48	7 20	5 40	3 60	72										
West Branch C. C. & Edwards	10	1	11								1 24	36	40	30	20											
Pineconing Indian Mission	44	9	53	1	1	1	1	26	100	5	18 00	7 20	8 00	6 00	4 00	150										
Rose City	21	8	29					6	20	2	8 10	3 24	3 60	2 70	1 80	36										
Lapton, So. Branch & Sage	28	3	31					13	90	4	7 20	2 88	3 20	2 40	1 60	54										
Siloam, Nestor and Canfield	22	1	23					9	25	4	10 35	4 14	4 60	3 45	2 30	96										
Alpena and Long Lake	35	4	39					8	25	1	14 85	5 95	6 60	4 95	3 30	96										
Wilson and Rayburn	20	1	21					5	25	1	10 80	4 32	6 00	3 60	2 40	96										
Walker, W. and Lagrand	31	1	32					8	40	1	12 00	4 00	6 00	3 60	2 40	96										
Arenac, Standish & M. Junction																62										
Port Huron District																										
Port Huron	23	2	25	1	1	1	1	6	25	2	5 85	2 34	2 60	1 95	1 30											
Marine City	13		13	1	1	1	1	13	44	4	6 30	2 32	2 80	1 40												
Kimball and China	20	1	21					16	150	14	11 70	4 08	5 20	2 10	1 40											
Memphis	20	1	21					16	150	14	11 70	4 08	5 20	2 10	1 40											
Laie and Avoca	25	8	33					17	40	1	19 90	3 06	7 00	5 25	3 50											
Bell, Bied and Laurel	40	3	43					17	115	11	15 75	6 30	7 00	5 25	3 50											
St. Ignace, supply	25	8	33					15	80	5	16 20	6 48	7 20	5 40	3 60	72										
St. Ignace, supply	40	3	43					25	150	10	29 25	11 70	13 00	9 75	6 50	1 30										
St. Ignace, supply	62	7	69					35	150	10	29 25	11 70	13 00	9 75	6 50	1 30										
Harbor Beach and Town Line	40	15	55					17	10	13	17 10	7 84	7 60	5 70	3 80	76										
Bad Axe, Uby and Meade	40	2	42					9	50	6	19 35	7 74	8 60	6 45	4 30	86										
Wilnot and Evergreen	19	1	20					3	50	7	8 55	3 42	3 80	2 85	1 90	78										
Caro and Akron	33	2	35					14	100	6	13 95	5 58	6 20	4 65	3 10	62										
Mayville and Rich	14	1	15							4	6 30	2 52	2 80	2 10	1 40	28										
Burnside and Linn																										
Total	1979	192	2171	47	31	90	652	3323	367	\$ 880 06	\$354 05	\$388 80	\$286 66	\$192 80	\$ 39 96											

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE EAST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

SAINT JOHNS AND FLINT DISTRICTS

CHAIRMAN	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Saint Johns District															
Saint Johns	6 77	3 15	3 15	2 40	6 00	25 14	1 45	312 53	96 00	36 00	22 45	1	3500	1	1000
Elsie and Ovid	15 40	16 89	16 89	2 40	1 50	17 08	3 05	338 00	96 00	44 00	22 45	1	4000	1	1000
Bureau and So. Ovid						17 08	3 05	323 30		3 00		1	1500		
Blanca, North Star & Sicks						57 42	3 75	409 04	48 00	48 00		1	2000		700
Elmer, North Star						57 42	3 75	409 04	48 00	48 00		1	2000		800
Owoso and						20 06	1 53	413 83	60 00	42 00	15 00	1	2500	1	1000
New Haven, Lemmon, etc.						57 90	4 25	550 00	60 00	64 00		1	4000	1	1000
Locke and Perry	1 63	6 00	6 00	1 63		48 00	3 50	550 00	120 00	52 00		1	5000	1	2000
Williamston and Webberville	9 16	76 90	76 90			37 11	2 05	386 34	60 00	32 00	16 50	1	3000	1	600
Dansville	40 00	16 25	16 25			22 00	1 45	378 73		24 00	6 68	1	1500	1	3000
Lansing Mission	8 53	3 50	3 50	1 26		13 56	1 25	397 70	60 00	30 00		1	3000	1	700
South Lyon and Silver Lake	9 50	13 14	13 14			54 80	3 00	344 00	50 00	52 00	34 00	1	2500	1	600
Porter, Bethany and Wheeler	6 05				5 70	22 00	1 70	400 00	60 00	63 00	28 22	1	1500	1	1000
Livingson												1			
Flint District															
Flint, first and second churches			107 94	3 20	3 25	220 14	5 00	703 20	200 00	99 52		1	7000	1	1200
West Flint and Linden			2 52	2 52		67 43	2 40	298 14	35 00	52 00	16 05	1	3500	1	1000
Durand and Swartz Creek			1 60	1 60		42 10	1 45	370 00	90 00	32 00	3 00	1	3000	1	900
Davidson, Cobb and Bassett	2 40					26 30	2 00	356 75	84 00	52 00	10 00	1	1000	1	1000
Ottaville	6 50	14 02	17 00			30 00	2 35	350 00	84 00	54 00		1	1000	1	800
Hazelton, Montrose, Clio, etc.	3 65	10 20	50			11 89	2 75	416 26	48 00	59 75		1	3200	1	450
Germany						18 41	1 15	330 00	50 00	34 00		1	1000	1	1000
Hadley and Brandon								229 73	50 00	36 00	1 75	1	1500	1	350
Amey and Pontiac						20 00	1 50	390 00	60 00	52 00		1	2000	1	500
Washington, Ray and Romeo			63 00			30 00	1 20	335 88	60 00	50 00		1	1200	1	1500
Saginaw			20 00			25 00	1 15	380 00	120 00	52 50		1	1000	1	
Goodrich												1			

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE EAST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

BAY CITY AND PORT HURON DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Mission- ary Claim	Woman's For- eign Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
Bay City District															
Bay City	20 50		21 00			40 00	1 75	385 00	48 00	44 00		1	1300	1	500
Bay City, West Side						17 00	1 60	318 33	48 00	26 00		1	1500	1	1500
Bay City, East Side	20 03		11 54	2 30		50 00	1 60	331 53	48 00	26 00		1	1500	1	1500
Fraser, Kewadin and Mt. F.	3 00		1 40		2 12	20 00	1 40	325 00	36 00	47 00	5 00	1	1000	1	700
Gladwin and W. Gout					1 00	20 00	2 03	351 44	72 00	27 00		1	2000	1	500
Sherman and So. Butman						35 35	2 03	351 44	36 00	44 00	8 00	1	2400	1	700
Hightwood						17 40		150 00		17 00		1	550		
Maple Ridge and Melita	6 00		12 20	1 27	2 28	35 00	2 15	347 43	48 00	47 00		1	2000	1	400
West Branch C. C. & Edwards	15 00		10 00			30 00	1 80	525 00	60 00	37 00	25 00	1	1800	1	700
Pinecoming Indian Mission			26 80			38 32	2 00	365 00	60 00	13 00		1	3000	1	800
Rose City								199 00	36 00	27 00	17 00	1	100	1	200
Lupton, So. Branch & Sage						35 93	80	238 67		20 00		1			
Stioam, Nestor and Canfield			10 00	1 00	70	38 17	1 13	366 00	96 00	35 00		1	1500	1	1000
Alpena and Long Lake			16 03	70	78	12 00	1 93	249 68	15 00	44 00		1	2300	1	700
Alpena and Raymond	7 25					15 00	1 00	200 00	15 00	43 00	8 00	1	1000	1	200
Walker, W. and						20 00	1 03	110 00	13 00	28 00		1	800	1	200
Arden, Standish & M. Junction															
Port Huron District															
Port Huron			1 80	1 00		20 00	65	265 00	25 00	34 00		1	600	1	400
Marine City			4 00			15 86	70	72 50	50 00	22 00	28 00	1	800	1	500
Kimball and China						19 94	1 30	357 18	24 00	34 00		1	2000	1	500
Memphis			58 88	2 62		37 69	2 55	617 60	72 00	54 00		1	1700	1	1200
Yale and Avoca	8 09			1 00		21 35	1 10	257 00	96 00	36 00		1	1600	1	1200
Ball, Buel and Laurel			75 77	2 40	2 50	34 11	1 75	310 00		44 00	2 92	1	2200	1	2000
Sandusky				8 00		25 00		370 68		44 00		1	2000	1	800
Snover, Argyle and Noko						32 00	3 25	460 00	72 00	60 00		1	2800	1	1000
Harbor, Beach and Town Line						19 18	1 00	450 00	73 00	54 00		1	2500	1	1000
Bluff, Alexander and Meade			35 47			12 36	2 13	469 74	38 50	44 00	15 00	1	4300	1	2500
Wilmot and Evergreen						19 44	2 13	409 74	38 50	44 00		1	800	1	900
Caro and Akron	2 56				7 73	26 00	95	391 33	48 00	26 00		1	1700	1	1200
Mayville and Rich						40 00	1 55	500 00	84 00	46 00		1	2000	1	1000
Burnside and Lum							70	131 70		30 00		1			
Total	\$202 19	\$	721 13	\$ 33 50	\$ 34 56	\$1652 25	\$93 35	\$18871 14	\$3036 50	\$2186 37	\$ 282 66 94	94	\$109250	49	\$ 42800

COLORADO CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-seventh Annual Session, held at Pueblo, Colorado, August 14-18, 1912

OFFICERS

BENJAMIN WINGET, *Acting President*

J. P. DOWD, *Secretary*

C. N. ROOT, *Assistant Secretary*

G. B. MUNNS, *Statistical Secretary*

J. I. COUNCIL, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—B. Winget, F. F. Stewart, J. P. Dowd, W. B. Kirby.

On State of the Work—F. F. Stewart, J. P. Dowd.

On Publications—J. F. Garrett, Frank DuPee, Hattie J. Handyside.

On Reforms—G. A. Loomis, Marion Fraker, G. B. Lane, G. B. Munns.

On Publishing the Minutes—J. P. Dowd, C. N. Root.

On Sunday-schools—F. F. Stewart, J. H. Harvey, W. W. Edwards, Hattie J. Handyside.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—G. B. Lane, John Johnson.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—J. H. Higgins, G. H. Behner, Josephine Beatty.

On Charities—J. I. Council, J. H. Harvey, A. W. Knight, John Johnson.

On Education—G. H. Behner, J. W. Glazier, J. H. Higgins, F. M. Allred.

On Complimentary Resolutions—G. H. Behner, F. F. Stewart, Frank DuPee.

On Railroad Transportation—J. F. Garrett.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—G. H. Behner,

On Publications—F. F. Stewart.

On Reform—J. I. Council,

On Charities—J. F. Garrett,

On Sunday-schools—Frank DuPee.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL SECRETARIES

J. F. Garrett, F. F. Stewart.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. P. Dowd, for two years; G. H. Behner, for three years; J. F. Garrett, F. F. Stewart, for one year.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. I. Council, president; J. F. Garrett, secretary-treasurer; J. P. Dowd, John Johnson, Marion Fraker.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

J. I. Council, president; J. F. Garrett, secretary-treasurer; J. W. Glazier, James Wickwire.

BOARD OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS AND CLAIMS

F. F. Stewart, president; J. P. Dowd, secretary; F. M. Allred, John Johnson.

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY BOARD

F. F. Stewart, president; J. F. Garrett, treasurer; J. P. Dowd, secretary; F. M. Allred, Marion Fraker.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions (it was recommended to raise one dollar a member for evangelistic purposes to be sent to the treasurer of the conference mission board, J. F. Garrett); second quarter, General Missions, Foreign Missions; third quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Permanent Fund; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Miss Elizabeth R. Lammie, president, Tercio, Colorado; Miss Hattie J. Handyside, first vice-president, Fowler, Colorado; Mrs. Lizzie Hartley, second vice-president, 790 South Logan street, Denver, Colorado; Miss Carrie Harris, corresponding secretary, Fowler, Colorado; Mrs. Clarissa Kerby, recording secretary, Longmont, Colorado; Miss L. Marie Johnson, treasurer, 443 Santa Fe Drive, Denver, Colorado; Mrs. Ora W. Glazier, superintendent of Junior work, Durango, Colorado.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

J. F. Garrett,

J. W. Glazier,

Frank DuPee,

A. G. Galbraith,

J. P. Dowd,

T. D. Saffell,

Gordon B. Clark,

J. H. Harvey,

J. I. Council,

W. W. Jellison,

F. F. Stewart,

G. B. Lane,

J. M. Roberson,

W. W. Loomis,

M. B. Case,

G. H. Behner,

G. A. Loomis,

J. F. Walker,

W. B. Kirby,

G. B. Munns,

C. N. Root,

W. W. Edwards,

J. H. Higgins,

Albert Stevens.

[Woman evangelist having a seat in this conference, Hattie J. Handyside].

DELEGATES

John Johnson,

Sadie Hubbard,

Marion Fraker,

James Wickwire,

Joséphine Beatty,

Lizzie D. Stewart,

Arthur W. Knight,

Edwin A. Elliott,

Charles Lamey,

Eunice Council,

F. M. Allred,

Jarard Berry.

John Jones,

Rose Heminger,

F. E. Carmach,

William Graning,

F. M. Fuller.

2. Who are the stationing committee? Benjamin Winget, F. F. Stewart, J. P. Dowd, John Johnson, F. M. Allred.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? William Graning, William Folsom, George B. French.

4. Who remain on trial? James Vernon, E. P. Howery, Nels Magnueson, Edwin Kerby, C. E. Glazier.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? J. H. Harvey, C. N. Root; local deacons, Thomas E. Clegg, I. H. Hightower, F. E. Carmach.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? Curtis Lum (local).

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? A. G. Galbraith, J. M. Roberson, J. F. Walker, Amos Schafer, A. Stevens.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? None.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? Albert Stevens, an ordained elder of the Ohio conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer? None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistical reports.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? Mrs. Eunice H. Vipond, \$75; Mrs. Hannah Risheill, \$50; Child of Reuben Adams, deceased, \$25; total, \$150.

22, 23. No business.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At Colorado Springs, Colorado, as near the middle of August, 1913, as will suit the bishop who is to preside.

MISCELLANEOUS

The session was very good. It was well entertained by the Pueblo society. The acting president, Rev. B. Winget, was especially helped in conducting the affairs of the conference and gave very wholesome advice to preachers and people how to make the year a success.

Rev. T. B. Arnold, of Chicago, was among us part of the time and carried a rich spiritual atmosphere into the conference. We trust he will come again.

Rev. Glenn Lewis, of Orleans Seminary, Nebraska, came with a living message, and his visit was a blessing. We thank God for this rich annual feast. The remembrances of the good things keep us blessed on the journey. Amen.

APPOINTMENTS

DENVER DISTRICT—F. F. STEWART, District Elder, 1011 South Fourth street, Canon City, Colorado

Denver.....J. P. Dowd, 118 South Logan street, Denver, Colorado
Colorado Springs

.....G. H. Behner, 231 Cheyenne avenue, Colorado Springs, "

Colorado City

...William Graning, 715 South Fourth street, Colorado City, "

Boulder.....G. B. Munns, Boulder, "

Longmont and Loveland...Edwin Kerby, 821 Coffman street, Longmont, "

Evans, Greely and Dover.....Neils Magnusson, Evans, "

Ellicott and Bracket Creek.....Curtis Lum, supply

Mattison, Limon and Mountain View.....James Vernon

Fort Collins and Wellington.....C. E. Glazier

Burlington and Idelia.....To be supplied

J. F. Walker, Amos Schafer, J. M. Roberson, supernumerary; J. H. Harvey, evangelist.

PUEBLO DISTRICT—J. F. GARRETT, District Elder, 1780 South Washington street, Denver, Colorado

Pueblo.....W. B. Kirby, 29 Block W, Pueblo, Colorado

FountainW. W. Loomis

Canon City and Beaver Park.....J. I. Council

SalidaG. A. Loomis

Howard and Wet Mountain Valley.....G. Martin and Stella Martin, supplies

Montrose and Cedaredge.....C. N. Root

Grand Junction.....J. H. Higgins

Fowler and Rocky Ford...Hattie J. Handyside and Carrie Harris, supplies

Gem and Holly.....W. W. Edwards

Trinidad.....J. H. Davis and Ina Davis, supplies

J. F. Garrett, member of Pueblo district quarterly conference; A. G. Galbraith, A. Stevens, supernumerary; W. W. Jellison, evangelist.

SAN JUAN DISTRICT—J. F. GARRETT, District Elder

Durango and Farmington.....J. W. Glazier, Ora Glazier, supply
 Bayfield and Oxford.....G. B. Lane
 Alamoose and Hooper.....E. P. Howery
 Hesperus and Florida.....William Folsom
 LaPlata and Red Mesa.....George French
 Mancos and Pinewood.....Frank DuPee

M. B. Case and Gordon B. Clark, left without appointments according to paragraph 96 of the Discipline; T. D. Saffel, evangelist.

LOCAL PREACHERS AND EVANGELISTS

I. H. Hightower, Canon City, Colorado	John Whitehead, LaPlata, New Mexico.
J. T. Strome, Grand Junction, Colorado	Josiah Sinclair, Flora Vista, New Mexico
J. E. Outland.....Zampa, Colorado	Otis Keltcher.....Mancos, Colorado
F. C. Carmack.....Bayfield, "	Florence Beatty.....Durango, "
G. W. Zoder.....Bayfield, "	G. W. Staley, 715 North Wahsatch street, Colorado Springs, Colorado
Anna Stevens .....Olathe, "	Mrs. H. J. Hazen, Colorado City, Colorado
Mrs. A. E. Jellison, Springdale, Arkansas	
L. G. Davis.....Pueblo, Colorado	Mrs. Emma H. Haviland, Seattle, Washington
T. E. West.....Pueblo, "	Mrs. Lizzie Hartley, 970 South Logan street, Denver, Colorado
Lela West .....Pueblo, "	Thomas Clegg, 436 Elatic street, Denver, Colorado
B. L. Calhoun, Rocky Ford, "	Mrs. Emma Behner, Colorado Springs, Colorado
Lizzie D. Stewart, Canon City, Colorado	James W. Greeno, 1961 Blake street, Denver, Colorado
Carrie Strome, Grand Junction, Colorado	Henry Jones .....Amo, Colorado
Myrtle Root.....Montrose, Colorado	Joseph Munns, Niagara Falls, New York
Mrs. Fannie May.....Mattison, "	Georgianne Warren, Russell, Wyoming
Ralph Dunham ... Bayfield, "	Alie Lindsey, Sr., Denver, Colorado
Catherine Worrell..Bayfield, "	
Ward Folsom ....Durango, "	
R. C. Salyer .....Durango, "	
Margaret Pruitt ..Durango, "	
Lila Folsom ....Durango, "	

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$65.85.
 BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed and paid \$79.02.
 CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—Assessed and paid, \$197.55.
 PERMANENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$21.95.
 CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY—\$43.90.
 GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—\$8.78.
 FOREIGN MISSIONARY CLAIM—\$7.97.
 EDUCATIONAL FUND—\$2.00.
 CHILDREN'S FUND—\$7.46.
 SUNDAY-SCHOOL MISSIONARY FUND—\$2.00.
 PUBLISHING MINUTES—\$26.00.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS

We feel that there is need of a greater interest in our Sunday-school work. As the Sunday-school is an important department of our church, we urge our people on every circuit to a deeper consecration and a more earnest effort in the education and salvation of the youth.

It is an admitted fact that what is learned in youth is never entirely effaced from the memory.

One of the greatest infidel writers says his infidelity began from an infidel poem committed to memory when but five years of age. A Catholic priest remarked, "Give me the first seven years of the child's life and you may have the rest."

The Home Department and Cradle Roll have proven most efficient means in reaching and interesting those outside of the church. Often entire families have been brought to the Lord and into the church through faithful, efficient work in these departments. We therefore recommend that these departments be organized in schools not already having them.

Nowhere, except it be in the home, is there greater need of instruction on the line of temperance, than in the Sunday-school. We suggest either a temperance superintendent or a committee on temperance wherever practicable.

As a church we should reach out into new fields, open up Sunday-schools, have them, if possible, under the control of our own people, use our own literature. Move wisely and discreetly, and often this will be the means of an opening for our pastors and local preachers.

Much has been accomplished; much still remains to be done. Let us be faithful and earnest. Let our watch-word be, "Forward."

II.—ON CHARITIES

Our almsgiving, like all other of our Christian activities, should be wisely directed. There are many appeals made to our benevolence. In some instances by persons who solicit for their own benefit. Of such we think it safe to say that usually you will find that such a person is altogether unworthy of our gifts. Then there are persons who solicit for self-controlled institutions which they call missions, rescue homes, or homes for the destitute, who will receive contributions from our people and then almost as willingly use what influence they have against us. We have accredited institutions of our own, where we may safely place all our gifts. We have home and foreign missions, controlled by boards composed of God-fearing men and women whom we can safely trust. We have the Gerry Homes for aged persons and homeless children, which have been in successful operation in New York state for many years; the Woodstock Homes for children and old people in the state of Illinois, besides several Christian schools, any, and all, of which are eminently deserving of our most liberal patronage, and we may rest assured that any moneys appropriated to these institutions will be conscientiously used in the work for which given.

In order that our resources may be safeguarded and wisely applied, we recommend that each of our pastors do, early in the conference year, preach, or have preached, a sermon, or series of sermons, on the subject of Christian giving, and acquaint their congregations with the fact of the existence, the location, the capacity and design of the aforesaid institutions, and that they do solicit and exhort their hearers to consider and select some one of these institutions as the worthy object of their benevolence. We further recommend that our district elders do take such interest in this matter as to inquire of the pastor on each of the circuits of their districts at the second and third quarterly meetings whether he has preached such sermon, and in case such sermon has not been preached, that they urge that the matter be promptly attended to. We call the attention of our preachers and people to paragraph 418 of the Discipline, a chapter on Charities and Benevolences, and urge that it be carefully read and observed by everyone.

III.—ON PUBLICATIONS

"The pen and the press are two great agents by which the habitable world is kept in communication one with the other, and are potent for good or evil." It has been well said that a man is known by the company that he keeps. So

it may be said of our association with what we read. We partake more or less of the nature of that upon which we feed.

The law of assimilation seems to run all through our being, mentally, physically and spiritually. We need suitable food to sustain our material nature in order that it may be kept in a healthy condition. We need food for the mind which will properly develop our intellectual powers, and in order to obtain this we need good, wholesome literature, of which there is an abundance being published, both of a secular and religious character, and within the easy reach of all those who wish to avail themselves of it.

We believe our pastors ought to discourage our members from subscribing for religious periodicals outside of our church to the neglect of our own church paper. We believe the *Free Methodist* is second to none in building up Christian character, and ought to be in every home. No one can be an intelligent Free Methodist without it.

We heartily commend our publishing house for the publications they are circulating, and would urge our people to sacrifice, if need be, to place the books in the hands of their children. Our country is being flooded with cheap, trashy and vile literature; and we need to put forth great effort to counteract its influence.

IV.—ON REFORMS

SABBATH DESECRATION seems to be one of the principal causes of crime. Chief Justice Hale made the statement that nine-tenths of those convicted before him for high crime said they started on the road to crime by Sabbath desecration. God said to the ancient Jews, Lev. 19:30, "Ye shall keep my Sabbath and reverence my sanctuary."

There is a tendency among Christian people, and even Free Methodists, to neglect religious services. This, no doubt, is the cause of many backsliding, and if they neglect the house of God, what an influence they have on the children and others. Desecration of the Sabbath should not only be rebuked, but stringent laws enacted to prohibit it.

THE CHURCH—We need to cry out against worldly conformity in dress, against the pleasures of the world, against covetousness and the spirit of worldliness in all its forms.

TOBACCO—The use of tobacco is a great curse to the human family. As a church we have taken the proper stand, prohibiting the raising, manufacturing, buying, selling or using of the filthy weed to gratify a depraved appetite.

POLITICAL REFORM is greatly needed. It means more than the Progressive; are advocating. The only party that stands for the truth is the Prohibition party, and all Christians should stand for the truth.

The liquor traffic is the great curse of the land, and we should do all in our power to suppress it.

V.—ON THE STATE OF THE WORK

We have much to thank the Lord for. He has been very merciful to us during the year. We have had evidences of His presence and power in our midst.

On every circuit there is a strong desire for more of the old-time power. Some profitable revivals were held during the year. New fields have been opened, and the opportunities before us are great.

We are suffering some from contraction, but there is a general awakening regarding the condition, and remedies are being suggested to overcome the condition. We want to see the old field aroused and new ones opened. We urge the pastors and lay members to push out. We need the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to qualify us for the work.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE COLORADO CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claims	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Entertainment General Conference
Northern District	J. P. Dowd, District Elder	102	12	114	2	3	1	12	100	25	\$ 41 85	\$ 18 74	\$ 23 25	\$ 13 95	\$ 9 30	\$ 1 85
	J. F. Garrett, Edwin Kerby	40	4	44	1	1	1	7	40	19	15 75	6 35	8 75	5 25	1 80	30
	C. H. Belmet	20	1	21	1	1	1	3	63	3	6 75	2 70	3 75	2 85	1 80	30
	C. B. Harvey	19	1	20	1	1	1	3	63	3	7 20	3 24	17 75	2 40	1 80	36
	C. B. Chums	13	1	14	1	1	1	3	50	3	7 20	3 24	17 75	2 40	1 80	32
	J. F. Church	15	7	22	1	1	1	3	50	4	8 55	3 43	4 75	2 85	2 00	10
	C. W. Gazer	20	2	22	1	1	1	3	50	4	8 55	3 43	4 75	2 85	2 00	10
	Nels Magnuson	6	2	8	1	1	1	3	50	4	2 00	3 40	1 25	75	1 50	24
	Curtis Lam	8	1	9	1	1	1	3	50	4	5 40	2 16	3 00	1 80	1 20	24
	William Grauing	3	3	6	1	1	1	3	50	4	25	25	25	25	25	25
	Supplied	3	3	6	1	1	1	3	50	4	25	25	25	25	25	25
	Supplied	3	3	6	1	1	1	3	50	4	25	25	25	25	25	25
	Supplied	3	3	6	1	1	1	3	50	4	25	25	25	25	25	25
	Supplied	3	3	6	1	1	1	3	50	4	25	25	25	25	25	25
	T. R. Littler	3	3	6	1	1	1	3	50	4	25	25	25	25	25	25
	To be supplied	3	3	6	1	1	1	3	50	4	25	25	25	25	25	25
Southern District	F. F. Stewart, District Elder	23	23	23	1	1	1	5	25	7	10 80	4 32	6 00	3 60	2 40	45
	W. B. Kirby	22	2	24	1	1	1	4	10	2	8 55	3 42	2 25	2 85	1 90	38
	W. W. Jellison	32	8	40	1	1	1	6	50	1	13 50	5 10	7 50	4 00	3 00	60
	J. H. Higgins	9	9	9	1	1	1	6	50	1	3 15	1 26	1 75	1 05	70	14
	G. A. Leomis	8	2	10	1	1	1	6	50	1	3 15	1 26	1 75	1 05	70	14
	C. A. Martin, Stella Martin	21	5	26	2	2	2	14	128	3	8 10	3 24	4 50	2 70	1 80	36
	G. N. Root	16	3	19	1	1	1	4	25	3	9 45	3 78	7 75	3 15	2 10	50
	C. B. Lane	15	3	18	2	2	2	6	30	3	3 15	1 26	2 00	1 05	70	14
	Hattie Handyside	15	7	22	1	1	1	6	30	3	4 05	1 12	2 35	1 35	90	14
	James Vernon	15	7	22	1	1	1	6	30	3	4 05	1 12	2 35	1 35	90	14
	Supplied	15	7	22	1	1	1	6	30	3	4 05	1 12	2 35	1 35	90	14
	Supplied	15	7	22	1	1	1	6	30	3	4 05	1 12	2 35	1 35	90	14
	Supplied	15	7	22	1	1	1	6	30	3	4 05	1 12	2 35	1 35	90	14
	Supplied	15	7	22	1	1	1	6	30	3	4 05	1 12	2 35	1 35	90	14
	Supplied	15	7	22	1	1	1	6	30	3	4 05	1 12	2 35	1 35	90	14
San Juan District	F. F. Stewart, District Elder	4	4	4	2	1	1	2	10	3	3 60	1 44	1 20	1 20	80	16
	E. P. Hovey	3	3	6	1	1	1	2	10	3	12 00	5 04	3 25	4 50	2 80	56
	Frank Dupee	21	8	29	5	5	2	12	60	9	12 00	5 04	3 25	4 50	2 80	56
	J. W. Glazier, Ore Glazier	15	5	20	1	1	1	8	50	2	2 15	1 35	25	1 35	40	08
	Supplied	13	15	28	1	1	1	8	50	2	2 15	1 35	25	1 35	40	02
	Supplied	13	15	28	1	1	1	8	50	2	2 15	1 35	25	1 35	40	02
Total		478	95	573	17	18	23	147	875	100	\$ 189 40	\$ 75 01	\$ 110 45	\$ 63 30	\$ 40 20	\$ 7 11

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE COLORADO CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
Northern District															
Denver and Barnum.....	.....	.....	123 13	.....	\$ 5 65	\$ 125 92	\$ 4 05	\$ 750 66	.....	\$ 124 00	\$ 75 25	1	\$ 7000	1	.....
Colorado Springs.....	.....	.....	46 20	.....	.....	51 26	1 75	500 00	96 00	91 10	15 00	1	1000	1	500
Boulder.....	\$ 10 52	.....	50 30	.....	32 18	30 75	75	257 76	72 00	42 00	.....	1	3000	1	600
Longmont.....	1 53	.....	50 00	.....	.....	26 83	.....	354 11	77 00	45 00	18 00	1	2500	.....	.....
Boulder and Berthoud.....	.....	.....	10 34	.....	.....	16 93	.....	171 71	96 00	38 60	6 27	1	1700	1	900
Greely and Evans.....	.....	.....	33 18	.....	1 28	20 54	1 05	175 64	.....	40 00	22 00	1	1200	.....	.....
Falcon and Ellicott.....	.....	.....	1 75	.....	.....	25 14	95	121 08	.....	33 40	2 00	1	900	.....	.....
Mountain View, Knowledge Hill	.....	.....	9 00	.....	.....	.....	60	43 00	.....	35 25	11 25	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ft. Collins and Dover.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Burlington and Idalia.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Woodland Park and Divide.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stratton and Bererton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lincoln and Center Schoolhouse.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salt Lake City.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Camp-meeting and other sources	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	102 95	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Southern District															
Pueblo.....	.....	.....	81 10	.....	2 83	20 20	.....	546 03	120 00	47 01	23 83	1	1400	1	1000
Fountain.....	.....	.....	14 25	.....	.....	28 75	95	139 72	90 00	36 35	.....	1	1500	1	1000
Canon City and Beaver Park.....	.....	.....	25 83	.....	.....	34 68	1 50	360 07	69 00	63 00	43 50	1	800	1	500
Salida.....	1 40	.....	4 90	.....	.....	16 72	32	274 38	.....	28 38	6 00	1	900	.....	.....
Howard, Wet Mountain Valley.....	.....	.....	18 84	.....	.....	39 08	35	300 00	60 00	40 00	9 54	1	800	1	500
Montrose and Delta.....	2 30	.....	107 85	2 00	1 00	42 49	30	427 08	120 00	40 00	50 00	1	2300	1	700
Grand Junction.....	.....	.....	56 00	.....	.....	16 64	1 95	281 95	.....	32 50	34 25	.....	.....	.....	.....
Power and Rocky Ford.....	3 28	.....	14 13	.....	75	16 66	.....	134 63	78 00	17 50	16 50	.....	.....	1	650
Gunn and Holly.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45	81 13	.....	41 85	41 65	.....	.....	.....	.....
Trinidad.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
San Juan District															
Camp-meeting and other sources	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	57 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
San Louis Valley.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 14	45	54 65	41 00	18 10	7 00	1	800	1	500
Bayfield and Florida.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52 27	1 40	702 46	.....	100 00	.....	1	2000	.....	.....
Durango and Farmington.....	.....	.....	125 00	.....	.....	.....	45	.....	.....	39 61	49 75	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hesperus and La Plata.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 80	20	176 76	.....	2 95	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mancos and Pine Wood.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	\$ 19 03	\$ 43 69	\$ 877 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 43 69	\$ 598 15	\$ 19 07	\$ 5983 84	\$ 910 00	\$ 1171 54	\$ 422 23	\$ 15	\$ 27700 10	\$ 10	\$ 5850

WEST ONTARIO CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Seventeenth Annual Session, held at Sarnia, Ontario, August 21-24, 1912

OFFICERS

WILLIAM PEARCE, *President*
J. M. EAGLE, *Secretary* J. W. PEACH, *Assistant Secretary*
T. A. DRURY, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—The president, J. M. Eagle, D. Allan, T. L. Fletcher, J. Harris.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—William Hoffman, J. W. Winans.
On Publications—M. O. Coates, W. Demill, H. Mellor, William Kirk.
On Sabbath-schools—T. L. Fletcher, J. Harris, R. Stewart.
On Reforms—T. A. Drury, D. Allan, S. Rogers, P. Sharp, Thomas Robb.
On State of the Work—The district elders.
To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.
On Conference Missions and Missionary Appropriations—David Allan, J. M. Eagle, S. Rogers, Rufus Stewart, J. Harris.
On Evangelists' Benefit Fund—T. A. Drury, J. M. Eagle, P. Sharp, Rufus Stewart, William Demill.
To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—E. E. Loveless.
On Conference Claimants and Claims—The president, S. Rogers, David Allan, W. E. Demill, George E. Mayo.
On Ministerial Relations—J. M. Eagle, S. Rogers, Peter Sharp, W. E. Demill, T. A. Drury, H. Mellor.
To Receive and Disburse Contingent Fund—T. A. Drury, H. Mellor, J. M. Eagle.
To Settle with Claimants—T. A. Drury.
To Audit Treasurer's Books—G. W. Freeman.
Railroad Secretary—M. O. Coates.
Conference Sunday-school Secretary—W. A. Brown.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—S. Rogers, *On Reforms*—G. W. Freeman,
On Sunday-schools—J. W. Peach, *On Education*—William Hoffman.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. M. Eagle, president; M. O. Coates, secretary; S. Rogers, Peter Sharp, Rufus Stewart.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

S. Rogers, president, for four years (examiner in second year's course of study); M. O. Coates, secretary, for one year (third year); J. M. Eagle, for two years (fourth year); G. W. Freeman, for three years (preliminary and first year).

ADVISORY BOARD

J. M. Eagle, president; S. Rogers, secretary; T. A. Drury, treasurer; William Demill, Rufus Stewart.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

T. A. Drury, president; J. M. Eagle, secretary; George Toole, treasurer; S. Rogers, Rufus Stewart.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Bishops' Salaries (18 cents), General Missions (15 cents); second quarter, Conference Missions (25 cents), General Conference Entertainment (2 cents), Permanent Fund (5 cents); third quarter, Contingent Fund (20 cents), Church Extension (10 cents); fourth quarter, Conference Claimants (45 cents), Evangelists' Benefit Fund (free-will offerings).

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mary Rogers, president, 57 Sheridan street, Brantford, Ontario; Lydia Birdsall, first vice-president, Sarnia, Ontario; Laura J. Coleman, second vice-president, Tupperville, Ontario; Anna Botting, secretary, Essex, Ontario; Alice E. Walls, treasurer, Essex, Ontario; Martha Brown, tract agent, 85 Robert street, Hamilton, Ontario; Edith Stevenson, librarian, Arkona, Ontario.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this Conference?

PREACHERS

J. M. Eagle,	M. S. Benn,	David Allan,
T. A. Drury,	T. L. Fletcher,	L. H. Iles,
S. Rogers,	William Hoffman,	M. O. Coates,
H. G. Kent,	B. E. Stevenson,	E. E. Loveless,
J. A. Fletcher,	J. H. Roberts,	J. H. Winter,
H. C. Freemantle,	W. J. Cowherd,	C. Fader,
E. A. Demill,	J. S. Clink,	J. W. Peach,
G. W. Freeman,	J. E. Ayre,	J. T. Abrams,
J. W. Winans.		

[Laura J. Coleman, woman evangelist, having seat in the conference.]

DELEGATES

George E. Mayo,	Thomas Robb,	George Evans,
J. Harris,	W. E. Demill,	Thomas Ibbittson,
William Kirk,	Jane Wilcox,	Hannah Eagle,
C. N. Grace,	Rufus Stewart,	A. Countryman,
Elaine Moore,	Alma Hunter,	Anna E. Hamilton,
W. Hamilton,	Tressa Botwright,	William Nix,
Henry Mellor,	Neil Campbell,	Peter Sharp,
Thomas Fralick,	T. S. Moorhouse.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? William Pearce, David Allan, S. Rogers, J. M. Eagle, George E. Mayo, T. S. Moorhouse, W. E. Demill.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Peter K. Smith.

4. Who remain on trial? None.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? J. W. Winans.

6. Who are the deacons? J. H. Winter, J. A. Fletcher, J. H. Roberts, H. C. Freemantle, J. W. Winans, J. S. Clink, C. Fader, W. J. Cowherd, E. A. Demill, J. W. Peach, G. W. Freeman, J. E. Ayre, J. T. Abrams.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? E. E. Loveless.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? W. J. Cowherd, J. S. Clink, C. Fader.

10. Who are the superannuated preachers? J. H. Winter, T. A. Drury.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference? J. H. Stewart.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? M. S. Benn.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

25. Where and when shall our next session of conference be held? At Port Rowan, Ontario, not later than September 3, 1913.

APPOINTMENTS

HAMILTON DISTRICT—S. ROGERS, District Elder, 57 Sheridan street, Brantford, Ontario

Hamilton.....E. E. Loveless, 102 Catherine street, North, Hamilton, Ontario
 Hannon and Ancaster.....E. A. Demill, Hannon, "
 Kimbo and Caistor Center.....William Hoffman, Kimbo, "
 Canboro and Montague.....Charles Snow, supply, Canboro, "
 Ridgeway and Ft. Erie.....To be supplied
 Welland and Wainfleet.....To be supplied
 Brantford.....H. G. Kent, 14 Buffalo street, Brantford, Ontario
 Galt.....J. W. Peach, Galt, "
 Kelvin and Norwich.....J. H. Roberts, Kelvin, "
 Meaford.....Warren Demill, supply, Meaford, "
 Niagara Falls.....To be supplied

T. A. Drury, J. H. Winter, superannuated without claim; W. J. Cowherd, supernumerary; M. S. Benn, granted certificate of good standing in view to transfer.

SARNIA DISTRICT—DAVID ALLAN, District Elder, 293 Maxwell street, Sarnia, Ontario

Sarnia.....T. L. Fletcher, 279 Maxwell street, Sarnia, Ontario
 Thedford and Sharon.....J. E. Ayre, Thedford, "
 Terminus, Thornyhurst and Zion.....G. W. Freeman, Wilksport, "
 Charlemont.....Laura J. Coleman, Flossie Teal, supplies, Tupperville, "
 Florence, Dawn Mills and Ousley.....J. A. Fletcher, Florence, "
 Middlemiss.....To be supplied
 Essex Center.....Alice E. Walls, Anna Botting, supplies, Essex, Ontario

D. Allan, member of the Sarnia district quarterly conference; J. S. Clink, C. Fader, supernumerary; H. C. Freemantle, left without appointment according to paragraph 96 of the Discipline.

LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT—D. ALLAN, District Elder

Hymers and Ft. William.....H. Scarrow, supply, Hymers, Ontario
 Sault Ste. Marie....Peter K. Smith, 179 Gore street, Sault Ste. Marie, "
 St. Joseph Island.....J. T. Abrams, Richards Landing, "

L. H. Hes. left without appointment according to paragraph 96 of the Discipline.

TILSONBURG DISTRICT—J. M. EAGLE, District Elder

Ebenezer.....To be supplied
 Port Burwell, Houghton and Bayham.....
E. S. Stevenson, supply, Port Burwell, Ontario
 Walsingham Center, Marston and Jericho.....
J. M. Eagle, Walsingham Center, "
 Port Rowan and Port Royal.....M. O. Coates, Port Rowan, "

J. W. Winans, missionary to Dominican Republic; B. E. Stevenson, left without appointment according to paragraph 96 of the Discipline.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON REFORMS

We are devoutly thankful for the visible degree of adherence to the doctrines and principles of our church still evidenced by the membership of the West Ontario conference, and are pleased to report ourselves as still on the firing line on all advances of moral reform.

We consider our position as a church well taken, and re-affirm it upon the following topics:

SECRETISM.—We regard all secret societies as without a lawful excuse for existence, and hope that as a church, we may never be seduced into believing that an influence for good will result from ceasing to voice the Scriptures in their command to "have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." While we pity those who have become serfs to these wasteful and pretentious fraternities, we still stand unflinchingly opposed to the whole brood, and regard them as a serious enemy to both church and state.

WORLDLINESS.—Unscriptural, personal adornment which is the visible outcome of a vain heart demands our firm rebuke, both by public ministration and private reproof.

And while we would advocate Christian taste and neatness in the arrangement of our attire, let us scrupulously guard against the slightest departure from godly simplicity and plainness. We also regard the pursuit of worldly pleasures as a most serious detriment to spirituality. Fireworks, games, fairs, moving picture shows, circuses, theaters, dances, etc., have their tendency downward. Another form of worldliness fatal to spirituality is the modern race for riches. The almost universal motto seems to be, "Get rich quick."

But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare. If we are providentially prospered financially we should be correspondingly rich toward God, and His cause.

EVIL SPEAKING.—This prolific source of division and strife is wide-spread, and far-reaching in its baneful effects. Christendom has been sadly disabled by its poisonous ravages. Who, among us, are clear in the matter? We recommend that every pastor read "Wesley, On Evil Speaking" at least once a year at every point on his charge, and that as a conference we determine the extinction of this evil practise in our midst.

SABBATH DESECRATION.—We deplore the extent to which this sin is committed, and that in the face of God's plain command to keep the Sabbath holy. What wonder that excursionists, great corporations, and railway companies, meet with appalling calamities similar to that of the ill-fated Titanic in their Sabbath violations. Truly, the way of the transgressor is hard. As Christians and Free Methodists, we should scrupulously avoid the minor forms of desecration, such as Sunday social visiting, patronizing milk wagons, street cars, ferry boats, pursuits of pleasure, etc. If we retain God's blessing, and an unsmirched influence for good as a church, we must be consistent in this important matter. Let us, by precept and example, urge a better Sabbath observance.

DISCIPLINE.—Our excellent book of Discipline, which fully records every law to which we are obligated as Free Methodist members and ministers, should be consulted and complied with in detail in our church business, our accepted doctrines, and our teachings; otherwise business lethargy, and heresy in both doctrine and teaching, will be dangerously probable. Shall we keep our rules or attempt to mend them? To teach more, or less, than is endorsed by our Discipline is both harmful and inconsistent. We especially recommend that every pastor in our conference, in conjunction with his official board, adopt the disciplinary plan of weekly free-will offerings in financing our circuits as ordered in paragraphs 39, 63 and 190.

THE TOBACCO HABIT.—This filthy abomination, we are sorry to record, is still on the increase. A prominent authority says that four-fifths of our male population use the weed. Cigarettes are playing physical havoc with the rising generation.

Magistrate Crane, of New York, says that 99 out of every 100 boys charged with crime before him have cigarette stains. In a certain lumber camp of

Ontario, containing 111 men, there was more money spent at the clerk's office for tobacco than in flour for the whole camp.

There are over 2,000,000 tons of tobacco used annually by the world's consumers, which, if rolled two inches in diameter, would coil around the world about sixty times.

Canada grows 10,000,000 pounds of tobacco annually, supports 149 tobacco establishments, two tobacco journals, and contains over 3,000,000 slaves to the habit, shamefully conspicuous among whom are many church members and ministers.

We increasingly abhor this wasteful, filthy and ruinous habit, and praise the wisdom and godliness of our fathers who closed our church doors against it.

THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.—This abominable traffic is the moral plague of our nation, and having been licensed for revenue purposes since 1553, is both widespread and deep-rooted. Its train of crime is unparalleled by all other causes combined.

Canadians consume, annually, over 50,000,000 gallons of intoxicating drink which is the moving cause of eighty per cent. of our national crime, beside creating a yearly waste of \$150,000,000, and a death rate of over 4,000 of its eternally ruined victims, who leave to their posterity an extremely unwelcome legacy of poverty, disgrace, and disease.

This unwelcome nuisance which is thrust upon us by the liquor lords of Ontario at the connivance of their political tools, refuses to be interfered with, and claims the right, by license, to stand in the way of all social and religious progress, debauch our citizenship, ruin our homes, and fill our land with sorrow and tears.

We regard the liquor license system as being corrupt in principle, and emphatically deny that any government has a moral right to enact a law whereby one of its citizens can purchase the right to physically, morally and eternally ruin another. We denounce, in strongest terms, the sale of indulgences by either church or state.

We are much pleased to note the rapidly rising tide of temperance sentiment in our midst, foreshadowing the near approach of entire prohibition.

In Ontario, the liquorites are seriously alarmed, and are already on an inglorious retreat, but like the scorpions of Rev. 9, 10, which had stings in their tails, they are able to put up a vigorous, running fight.

Since 1874, the number of liquor licenses in Ontario has been reduced from 6,100 to 1,700, and of the 822 municipalities composing our province, all then under license, 463 are now under local prohibitory law, added to which are 118 more which voted substantial majorities for local option, but were held up by the three-fifths handicap.

We regard the bar-room as the stronghold, as well as the sample-room, and nursery of this nefarious traffic, and demand its ejection from our midst.

"Banish the Bar," has been for years the battle-cry of the working temperance forces of Ontario, and has recently been made the principle plank in the political platform of Mr. Rowell, leader of the opposition in our province.

We, your committee, report ourselves as uncompromisingly opposed to any political policy, or party, which seeks to retain the liquor license system, or to throw hindrances in the way of prohibitory law. We also strongly urge that the electors of our conference stand solidly for barroom abolition, which is by far the most advanced temperance legislation yet proposed, and also that we give no support to any soliciting member of parliament, or political party, that does not stand committed to the overthrow of the licensed liquor traffic.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST ONTARIO CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Bible Societies	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claims	Conference Claims	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions	General Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Entertainment
Sarnia District	David Allan, District Elder	71	7	78	3	1	1	1	13	\$ 27 45	\$ 10 98	\$ 15 25	\$ 9 15	\$ 16 10	\$ 1 22	
Thornford and Sharon	T. L. Fletcher	34	5	39	2	2	2	2	6	15 30	8 12	8 50	5 10	3 40	62	
Terminus, Tenth and Thornhurst	G. W. Freeman	50	10	60	1	3	12	92	6	20 25	6 10	11 25	6 75	4 50	90	
Charlemont	Laura J. Coleman, Fossie	40	5	45	2	1	6	30	16	20 70	8 28	11 50	6 90	4 60	92	
Zion and Oakdale	Neil McGugan, supply	51	7	58	1	2	7	50	5	11 70	4 68	.....	3 90	2 60	52	
Dawn Mills, Ousley & Croton	J. A. Fletcher	18	1	19	1	1	3	14	6	8 55	3 42	4 75	2 85	1 90	38	
Middlemiss	William Hoffman	9	1	10	1	1	1	1	5	4 05	1 62	2 25	1 35	1 90	18	
Brook Schoolhouse	Peter K. Smith	7	2	9	1	1	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Essex Center	Supplied	7	2	9	1	1	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tilsenburg District	David Allan, District Elder	33	4	37	2	1	3	60	4	16 35	6 03	9 25	5 55	3 70	74	
Ebenezer and Bayham	C. Fader	23	4	27	1	1	3	90	7	10 35	4 14	5 76	3 45	2 30	46	
Houghton and Port Burwell	J. E. Ayre	67	14	81	1	3	16	70	6	31 05	12 42	17 25	10 35	6 90	1 38	
Walsingham Center, Jericho	J. T. Abrams	15	1	16	1	1	8	36	7	7 65	3 05	4 25	2 55	1 70	34	
Port Rowan	J. W. Winans	21	5	26	1	1	7	35	12	8 10	3 24	4 20	2 70	1 80	36	
Hamilton District	S. Rogers, District Elder	32	11	43	1	2	12	65	11	15 30	6 12	8 50	5 10	3 40	68	
Hamilton and Ancaster	E. A. Demill	20	2	22	1	1	13	15	3	11 25	4 50	6 25	3 75	2 50	50	
Kinbo and Caistor Center	Warren Demill, supply	30	2	32	1	1	11	45	3	13 00	5 40	7 50	3 30	3 00	60	
Kimbo and Montague	E. S. Stevenson, supply	21	1	22	1	2	6	23	3	8 85	3 30	4 20	2 50	2 00	24	
Ridgeway and Fort Erie	J. S. Clink	13	3	16	2	1	7	49	5	22 50	9 00	12 50	7 50	5 00	100	
Weland and Wandbeck	J. A. Hamilton, supply	23	9	32	1	1	9	49	6	11 25	4 50	6 25	3 75	2 50	50	
Brantford	M. G. Kent	36	3	39	1	1	16	83	7	13 05	5 22	7 25	4 35	2 90	14	
Wentworth	M. O. Roates	7	3	10	1	1	2	9	2	4 05	1 44	.....	1 20	50	10	
Gaiter and Norwich	M. H. Roberts	5	1	6	1	1	2	9	1	2 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Metford	Supplied	28	2	30	2	2	8	30	12	11 70	4 68	6 50	3 90	2 80	52	
Niagara Falls	Supplied	11	3	14	2	1	4	35	8	6 30	2 52	3 50	2 10	1 40	28	
Lake Superior District	J. M. Eagle, District Elder	746	101	847	16	39	196	1101	158	\$ 322 80	\$ 129 83	\$ 159 11	\$ 107 85	\$ 84 00	\$ 14 16	
Hymers and Fort William	J. W. Peach	28	2	30	2	2	8	30	12	11 70	4 68	6 50	3 90	2 80	52	
Sault Ste. Marie	Alice E. Walls, Anna Botting	11	3	14	2	1	4	35	8	6 30	2 52	3 50	2 10	1 40	28	
St. Joseph Island	J. M. Eagle	32	3	35	1	1	1	1	1	14 10	6 12	7 90	5 10	3 40	52	
Total		746	101	847	16	39	196	1101	158	\$ 322 80	\$ 129 83	\$ 159 11	\$ 107 85	\$ 84 00	\$ 14 16	

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST ONTARIO CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Mission- ary Claim	Woman's For- eign Missionary Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
Sarnia District															
Sarnia	\$		342 08	\$		\$ 100 70	2 05	720 00		\$ 124 00	\$ 2 60	1	\$ 1800	1	\$ 2000
Thornbury			171 43			35 96	1 70	250 45	37 00	64 82		1	1000	1	1000
Terrington			113 24			30 55	2 25	513 88	30 00	62 21	3 01	1	1100	1	850
Thornbury and Thornbury											8 25	1	700	1	700
Charlemont			71 36			16 84	2 30	374 97	30 00	88 31		1	1200	1	1200
Zion and Oakdale						15 90	1 30	166 00		74 10		1	700	1	300
Dawn Mills, Ousley & Croton							4 75	415 00		38 24		1	700	1	800
Middlemiss								120 86		23 80		1	700	1	1000
Brook Schoolhouse								26 36		31 42		1	1000	1	1000
Essex Center												1	1000	1	1000
Tilsenburg District															
Tilsenburg			22 60			15 70	1 85	190 00	30 00	33 90		2	1050	1	550
Ebenezer and Bayham			10 93			34 98	1 15	339 50		51 70	22 00	2	1600	1	600
Houghton and Port Burwell												3	3000	1	600
Walsingham Center, Jencho and Marston			29 32			15 60	3 45	448 58	36 00	57 62		1	1700	1	1700
Port Rowan			15 02			19 31	8 75	282 36		35 96		1	1700	1	1700
Hamilton District															
Hamilton			46 83			50 89	90	415 86	100 00	61 11		1	3000	1	3000
Hannon and Ancaster				1 92		43 88	1 70	521 41	25 00	93 24		2	3000	1	1200
Kimbo and Calster Center						1 47	1 25	237 83	30 00	43 92		2	1500	1	600
Canboro and Montague			10 05			21 50	1 50	362 79		48 05		2	1500	1	800
Ridgeway and Fort Erie						15 16		397 06		60 00		2	1400	1	400
Welland and Wainfleet			23 62			20 31	6 75	337 26		40 00	12 52	2	1400	1	400
Brantford						24 48	2 50	441 93	150 00	92 00		1	3000	1	1500
Galt			30 52			31 88	1 25	410 00	100 00	64 56		1	5000	1	1600
Keelvin and Norwich						65 89	1 45	375 00		78 58		2	1500	1	600
Meaford						8 60				38 33	10 00	1	1200	1	1200
Niagara Falls										28 99		1	1200	1	1200
Lake Superior District															
Hymers and Fort William		40 00				25 00	1 30	376 00		80 00	25	1	800	1	500
Sault Ste. Marie			16 86			13 25	70	277 93	75 00	30 65	2 27	1	4500	1	1000
St. Joseph Island			35 48			12 00	1 70	396 25	50 00	55 84		2	1000	1	1000
Total	\$	\$ 48 25	\$ 880 30	\$ 1 92	\$ 2 42	\$ 618 86	\$34 55	\$ 8682 28	\$ 683 00	\$1488 37	\$ 60 90	36	\$ 45000	20	\$ 19000

Total amount raised by W. F. M. S., \$961.12.

EAST ONTARIO CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Seventeenth Annual Session, held at
Peterboro, Ontario, August 28-September 1, 1912

OFFICERS

WILLIAM PEARCE, *President*

C. CUNNINGHAM, *Secretary*

A. F. BALL, *Assistant Secretary*

LOTTA BABCOCK, *Sunday-school Secretary*

W. ZURBRIGG, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

- On Public Worship*—William Pearce, W. H. Reynolds, H. Leake.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—H. B. Luck, E. Snyder.
To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.
To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—W. H. Gregory.
On Home Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.
On Evangelists' Benefit Fund—The committee on Home Missions.
On Sabbath-schools—Lotta Babcock, K. F. Clark, R. J. Whaley.
On Education—F. F. Prior, G. Fuller, E. Snyder.
On Reforms—W. Zurbrigg, D. E. Gunter, M. Babcock.
On Publications—W. H. Gregory, L. Slingerland, J. D. Shier.
On State of the Work—R. Burnham, W. H. Reynolds, George Babcock, J. D. Shier.
On Conference Claimants and Claims—William Pearce, R. Burnham, W. H. Reynolds, F. E. Minor, T. J. Luck.
On Estimating the Amount Necessary for the Contingent Fund—W. Zurbrigg.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

- R. Burnham, president; W. H. Reynolds, secretary and treasurer; A. Sims, T. J. Luck, F. E. Minor.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- W. H. Reynolds, president; C. Cunningham, secretary-treasurer; R. Burnham, F. E. Minor, T. J. Luck.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

- A. Sims, president, for three years (fourth year's course); W. H. Reynolds, secretary, for one year (preliminary); H. B. Luck, for two years (first year); C. Cunningham, for five years (second year); R. Burnham, for four years (third year).

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

- On Publications*—C. Cunningham, *On Sabbath-schools*—K. F. Clark.
On Education—M. S. Benn, *On Reforms*—A. F. Ball.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

- First quarter, Home Missions (25 cents), Church Extension (10 cents), Delegates' Expenses to General Conference (5 cents); second quarter, Bishops' Salaries, General Missions (15 cents), Entertaining the General Conference (2 cents); third quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; fourth quarter, Contingent Fund (30 cents), Permanent Fund (5 cents), Evangelists' Benefit Fund, free-will offering.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Miss Lotta Babcock, president, Gravenhurst, Ontario; Miss Kate F. Clark, secretary, Gravenhurst, Ontario; Miss Ethel Davey, treasurer, Midland, Ontario.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

A. Sims,
C. Cunningham,
C. Goodrich,
C. F. Appleton,
W. H. Gregory,
A. F. Ball,

R. Burnham,
E. Snyder,
S. C. Snyder,
L. Slingerland,
M. Babcock,
†M. S. Benn,

W. H. Reynolds,
W. Zurbrigg,
H. B. Luck,
F. F. Prior,
D. L. Gunter.

[Women evangelists having a seat in the conference, Lotta Babcock, Kate F. Clark.]

DELEGATES

Luman Cole,
George Babcock,
G. E. Valteau,
Hiram Leake,
Henry Kay,
Henry Smith,
Sadie Gunter,
Dorinda Wagar,

Asa Amey,
Barnet Babcock,
F. E. Minor,
George Fuller,
T. J. Luck,
J. D. Shier,
Ephraim Babcock,
Harry Vansickle,

R. J. Whaley,
William Steenburg,
Bessie Cochrane,
Walter Tomkins,
J. McCauley,
Robert Kerr,
Harry Marks,
Henry Crowder.

2. Who are the stationing committee? William Pearce, R. Burnham, W. H. Reynolds, F. E. Minor, T. J. Luck.

4. Who remain on trial? J. W. Potter, W. P. Harnden, N. G. Harp, R. Babcock, H. Smith.

3, 5, 8, 10, 12, 15. None.

6. Who are the deacons? W. H. Gregory, D. L. Gunter, M. Babcock.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? A. F. Ball.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? A. Sims, J. W. Potter, N. G. Harp, H. Smith.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? M. S. Benn, an elder, from the West Ontario conference.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? F. F. Prior.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23. See reports and statistics.

21. No business.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At Kingston, Ontario, as near the first week in September as will suit the convenience of the bishop who may preside.

MISCELLANEOUS

Four sittings of the conference were held. Bishop William Pearce presided with eminent grace and ability. His preaching and addresses were soul-stirring. Dr. Backenstoe, returned missionary from South Africa, was introduced to the conference and invited to an honorary seat. The conference was

†Admitted by transfer during this session.

generously entertained by the good people of Peterboro. About two hundred dollars was raised for foreign missions and other purposes.

APPOINTMENTS

KINGSTON DISTRICT—W. H. REYNOLDS, District Elder, 93 Colborne street, Kingston, Ontario

Kingston, Cataraqui and Perth Road.....
E. Snyder, 91 Colborne street, Kingston, Ontario
 Odessa and Petworth.....N. Perry, supply, Odessa, "
 Gananoque and Lansdowne.....C. Goodrich, Gananoque, "
 Verona, Oak Flats and Holleford.....W. Zurbrigg, Verona, "
 Westport and Fermoy.....To be supplied
 Enterprise and Fifth Lake.....A. M. Gunter, supply, Enterprise, Ontario
 Vennacher and Fernleigh.....S. Lashan, supply, Vennachar, "

N. G. Harp, supernumerary, Spanish, Ontario; W. H. Reynolds, member Kingston district quarterly conference.

CAMPBELLFORD DISTRICT—W. H. REYNOLDS, District Elder

Picton and Elmbrook.....Edith Sears, Annie Slack, supplies, Picton, Ontario
 Warkworth and Zion.....W. H. Gregory, Warkworth, "
 Campbellford.....A. F. Ball, Campbellford, "
 Cordova, Victoria and Rockdale.....M. Babcock, Cordova, "
 Marmora, Beaver Creek and North Marmora..R. Babcock, Marmora, "
 Gunter and McRae.....Edna Redner, supply, Gunter, "

J. W. Potter, supernumerary, Gunter, Ontario.

TORONTO DISTRICT—R. BURNHAM, District Elder, Uxbridge, Ontario

Toronto.....M. S. Benn, 124 First avenue, Toronto, Ontario
 ArmadaleTo be supplied
 Uxbridge and Mt. Pleasant.....H. Wattam, supply, Uxbridge, Ontario
 Belhaven, Baldwin and Ravenshoe.....D. L. Gunter, Belhaven, "
 Holt and Newmarket.....S. C. Snyder, Holt, "
 Peterboro.....C. Cunningham, 294 Aylmer street, Peterboro, "

A. Sims, supernumerary, 5 Simpson avenue, Toronto, Ontario; F. F. Prior, given certificate of standing in view of transfer; R. Burnham, member Toronto district quarterly conference.

MUSKOKA DISTRICT—R. BURNHAM, District Elder

Crown Hill and Hillsdale.....L. Slingerland, Hillsdale, Ontario
 Midland.....Ethel Davey, supply, Midland, "
 Gravenhurst.....Lotta Babcock, K. F. Clark, supplies, Gravenhurst, "
 Bracebridge.....H. B. Luck, Bracebridge, "
 Huntsville and Silverdale.....W. P. Harnden, Huntsville, "

Henry Smith, supernumerary; C. F. Appleton, missionary to China.

TREASURER'S REPORT

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Apportioned and paid, \$132.84.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$73.80.

GENERAL MISSION FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$110.70.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$332.10.

PERMANENT FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$36.90.

GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—Apportioned and paid, \$14.76.

CONTINGENT FUND—Receipts, \$218.68; paid traveling expenses of preachers and delegates, and cost of visting certificates, \$159.65; balance in treasury, \$59.03.

EVANGELISTS' BENEFIT FUND—On hand from last year, \$112.32; received

during the year, \$9.05; total, \$121.37. Disbursements, \$22.00; balance in treasury, \$99.37.

DELEGATES' EXPENSES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE—In treasury from last year, \$38.45; raised during the year, \$36.95; total, \$75.40.

To PUBLISH THE MINUTES—\$25.95.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON HOME MISSIONS

Kingston and Campbellford districts—Receipts: On hand from last year, \$59.61; raised during the year, \$92.40; total, \$152.01. Disbursements, \$78.45; balance on hand, \$73.56. Toronto and Muskoka districts—Receipts: On hand from last year, \$107.95; raised during the year, \$81.14; total, \$189.09. Disbursements, \$149.63; balance on hand, \$39.46.

II.—ON REFORMS

What about reforms? Is not the world getting better, and do we not have reason to believe that the race will soon be converted? So say the new school religious teachers.

We admit that in some respects, conditions are improved, and those who will live righteous lives can do so with less danger of being interfered with than a few centuries ago. But while this is to be admitted, all casual observers will notice that Paul's declaration in 2 Timothy 3:13, "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived," is being fulfilled in these days, and we can hardly hope that righteousness will be general among the inhabitants of the earth until He shall reign supreme, whose right it is to reign. And while sin and degradation run rampant, we should remember that it is our duty, as Christians, to do all that lies in our power to help in the conflict of right against wrong, and to check everything that is evil or vile, as far as possible.

We cannot countenance the theory that Christians have no right to use their vote or influence in governmental affairs. Paul, in writing to the Romans, Chapter 13:1, said, "For there is no power but of God; the powers that be are ordained of God." If the Lord is pleased to bestow upon some the power to frame and enforce laws, He bestows upon the rank and file the power and right to elect to office whom they will. Who, among the nations, are better qualified to take part in these privileges than those whose hearts God has touched? If the cause of moral reform is to be carried on successfully, we must, to some extent, work through the powers that be.

Let the church arise in her strength and majesty and make her influence felt in country or state. The millennial age is not yet upon us. Some existing evils need not merely be reformed, but, in as far as possible, rooted out. A few of these we wish to notice.

1. THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.—Every fair-minded man or woman will admit that this abominable traffic should speedily be prohibited. Nothing short of total prohibition will ever satisfy the demands of the temperance people. But while this does not yet appear in sight, we should take advantage of every opportunity to curtail the sale of intoxicating beverages.

Local option campaigns are being carried on in numerous municipalities each year. We, as a people, ought to do our best during these campaigns by our votes and influence. Our preachers should give the trumpet no uncertain sound. Many professors of religion throughout the land refuse to vote in favor of local option. Until recently, we could hardly believe that any who called themselves Free Methodists would even hesitate to vote for any and every measure that is calculated to bring us nearer the desired goal—*entire prohibition*. There is a bare possibility that some may be honestly deceived by the threadbare argument, advanced by the liquor men, that there is more liquor consumed under local option than under license. It seems to us that the fallacy of this foolish argument ought to be apparent to every fair-minded person.

2. **THE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC.**—Human language fails in its efforts to give expression to language strong enough in condemnation of this abomination, which may fitly be called the shame of America. It is high time that those who have any feeling of humanity in their nature, lay aside false modesty, and join in a mighty crusade against this evil. Think of innocent girls being lured away from their homes on a promise of marriage, or a lucrative position in some large city, taken by a scoundrel, who has fallen lower than a dumb brute, and sold for \$50.00 each to the keeper of some vile resort, and kept a prisoner there. Yea, worse still; there are American cities where both panders or dealers and keepers are protected by policemen who are as degraded as the vile wretches whom they protect. We are thankful to notice that American men and women are waking up to the situation and are striving to bring these transgressors to justice.

We regret, however, that in some states the penalty attached to such crimes is extremely light. We recently read of a case where a panderer lured a sixteen-year-old girl from a southern town on a promise of marriage, took her to one of these human traps with which he was connected, located in a large city in a northern state, and kept her there a prisoner. Both the resort and the man enjoyed the favor and protection of the man in blue clothes with brass buttons. On one occasion, the poor victim was found in her room, secretly trying to write a letter to her parents, in order to inform them of her whereabouts. She was caught by her cruel seducer, who knocked her down, kicked her and left her in a fainting condition. That night Gipsy Smith and his band of singers were holding a street-meeting in the city. They were singing in front of the resort when the girl regained consciousness. She heard their singing, raised her window and cried out, "For God's sake, take me out of this place." Her voice was heard. She was rescued, and the wretch who had ruined her life, duly brought before the judge. Hear the judge pronounce sentence, "One year's imprisonment and three hundred dollars fine, the maximum penalty of the law." Shame on such lawmakers!

We knew of a man who received a more severe sentence for stealing a pair of old boots. We should remember that these villains procure their victims wherever they can get them, and humanly speaking, none are absolutely safe. The question will naturally arise, "What can we do to bring about a reformation in this matter?" The least parents can do is to warn their daughters of the danger they expose themselves to when they place undue confidence in strangers. Further, we can spread good books, now in print, exposing these awful pitfalls which the devil has set for the unwary. Let us lay aside false modesty and do what we can. "He that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

3. **EVIL SPEAKING.**—This baneful evil is as common as it is harmful. No community is exempt. Doubtless much of this evil practise is due to thoughtlessness on the part of the evil speaker. People talk with no particular object, and without considering what the outcome will be. On the other hand, we fear that much of the evil speaking that is practised is due to jealousy in the heart of the offender. In others it is due to a desire to have their own way, and they slander those who differ with them. How people can steal their neighbor's reputation and maintain a Christian experience, is more than we can fathom. And yet some who make the loudest profession, and try to make their personal opinions along other lines the standard for the whole church, are among those who offend in the most grievous manner in the matter before us.

However, this practise of evil-speaking is not all of that sort which effects our Zion only. We wish to call attention to the practise which obtains with some ministers, and in some instances; namely, that of wholesale declaration against other religious organizations. This can serve no good purpose. While in order to keep clear before God, and discharge our duty toward our fellowmen, we must cry out against sin and give the trumpet no uncertain sound; we should use great carefulness in the matter spoken of above. Some societies have carried this practise to such extremes as to kill their own influence in the community, drive the public from our places of worship, and whole neighborhoods have been prejudiced against our work.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE EAST ONTARIO CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodists" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claims	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Entertainment	Conference General
Kingston District	R. Burnham, District Elder																
	Kingston, Cataraqui and Perth Road	62	9	70	1	1	1	7	66	9	\$ 24.30	\$ 9.72	\$ 13.50	\$ 8.10	\$ 5.40	\$ 1.08	
	N. Snyder	24	2	26	1	2	2	5	50	12	16.20	6.48	7.93	4.50	3.60	.....
	E. Paver, supply	29	3	32	1	1	1	5	25	8	13.20	5.40	7.93	4.50	3.60	.....
	E. Davey, supply	61	6	67	1	1	2	10	88	10	33.85	12.72	10.63	11.00	1.00	62	
	Verona, Oak Flats and Helleford	13	3	16	1	1	1	1	8	2	5.40	2.16	8.25	1.80	1.20	1	22
Campbellford District	A. M. Gunter, supply	9	1	10	1	1	1	1	8	2	5.40	2.16	8.25	1.80	1.20	1	24
	Westport and Fernoy	13	5	18	1	1	2	7	52	3	8.10	3.24	4.50	2.70	1.80	36	
	Vennacher and Fernleigh																
Toronto District	R. Burnham, District Elder																
	Pictou and Embrook	23	8	31	1	2	1	6	60	5	10.85	4.14	5.75	3.45	2.30	.....
	Warkworth and Zion	46	5	51	2	1	1	7	50	11	20.25	8.10	11.25	7.20	4.50	90	
	Campbellford	10	3	13	1	1	1	3	23	2	4.50	1.80	2.50	1.50	1.00	20	
	Cordova, Victoria and Rockdale	26	4	30	1	1	1	6	24	3	9.90	3.96	5.50	3.30	2.20	44	
	Manora, Beaver Creek and N. Gunter and McRae	35	6	41	1	2	1	9	60	4	15.95	6.30	8.75	5.25	3.85	70	
Toronto District	J. W. Potter	9	1	10	1	1	1	5	30	2	4.50	1.80	2.50	1.50	1.00	20	
	W. H. Reynolds, District Elder																
	Toronto	37	12	49	2	2	1	9	35	15	13.50	5.40	7.50	4.50	3.00	60	
	Armada	12	1	13	1	1	1	3	12	2	7.65	3.06	4.25	2.55	1.70	.....
	Uxbridge and Mt. Pleasant	38	4	42	1	1	1	10	45	8	16.20	6.48	9.00	5.40	3.60	.....
	Belhaven, Baldwin & Ravenshoe	43	7	50	1	2	2	8	40	3	21.60	8.64	2.55	7.20	4.80	.....
Muskoka District	S. C. Snyder	22	7	29	1	1	2	12	115	3	12.15	4.80	5.40	4.05	2.70	54	
	Holt and Newmarket	32	11	43	2	2	1	9	65	6	16.20	6.48	9.00	5.40	3.60	72	
	Peterboro																
	W. H. Reynolds, District Elder																
	Bracebridge	63	15	78	2	2	2	8	70	10	29.70	11.48	18.50	9.90	6.60	1 32	
	Harville and Silverdale	26	6	32	1	1	1	9	50	3	11.70	4.68	6.50	3.90	2.60	.....
Total	Gavenhurst	22	5	27	1	2	1	5	23	6	10.85	4.14	5.75	3.45	2.30	.....
	Lotta Babcock, K. F. Clark																
	Barkway, Honey's Rapids and Cooper's Falls	31	9	40	1	1	2	8	60	5	12.15	4.80	6.75	4.05	2.70	54	
	Crown Hill and Hillsdale	23	7	30	1	1	1	7	60	5	10.85	4.14	5.75	3.45	2.30	.....
	Total	719	134	853	18	14	32	159	1103	137	\$ 332.75	\$ 132.56	\$ 165.65	\$ 116.95	\$ 74.25	\$ 9.60	

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE EAST ONTARIO CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Mission- ary Claims	Women's For- eign Missionary Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
Kingston District															
Kingston, Cataract and Perth	2	70				35 01	2 70	672 40	\$	67 63	\$ 40 15	2	\$ 4500	1	\$ 2500
Read	1	80	49 70			17 00	1 80	338 24	44 01	50 21	21 00	2	2200	1	.....
Odesa and Petworth	1	55	46 62	71		18 14	1 55	425 95	84 00	45 35	.....	2	1500	1	1400
Gananoque and Lansdowne	3	55	41 07			35 06	3 55	430 37	48 00	63 40	33 00	2	2500	1	1000
Verona, Oak Flats and Holford	1	65	28 68			.....	65	181 30	33 00	20 40	.....	1	500	.....	.....
Enterprise and Fifth Lake	60	12 00				.....	90	190 00	.....	18 05	.....	1	1200	.....	.....
Westport and Fernoy	90					13 58		.....	.....	36 23	5 50	2	1200	.....	.....
Vennacher and Fernleigh															
Campbellford District															
Pictou and Elmbrook	46		30 51			20 62	1 15	274 82	60 00	40 22	16 05	2	2000	1	1070
Warkworth and Zion	2	25	60 00			25 00	2 25	515 00	84 00	63 18	7 00	2	2475	1	1500
Campbellford	60					19 58	1 10	271 00	.....	33 97	.....	2	2500	.....	.....
Cordova, Victoria and Rockdale	1	10	5 00			7 28	1 10	362 43	.....	43 71	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
Manova, Beaver Creek and N.	1	75	32 44			15 22	1 75	457 15	30 00	62 11	5 00	2	1600	1	400
Marmora	50		3 32			3 51	50	.....	.....	25 12	.....	1	600	1	600
Gunter and McRae															
Toronto District															
Toronto	1	50	134 14			40 80	1 50	830 00	.....	109 00	12 50	1	6000	.....	.....
Armada	1	34	10 24			9 05	1 85	112 21	.....	40 52	.....	1	1000	.....	.....
Uxbridge and Mr. Pleasant	1	80	17 81	2 65		25 04	1 80	334 29	24 00	53 10	5 00	2	2000	1	500
Belhaven, Baldwin & Ravenshoe	2	40				30 95	2 40	355 53	10 50	69 70	3 80	2	1300	1	700
Blott and Newmarket	1	80				33 92	1 80	466 16	144 00	67 28	10 45	1	1000	.....	.....
Peterboro	1	80	56 22			53 03	1 80	512 26	.....	.....	.....	1	4500	1	1000
Conference Evangelist															
Muskoka District															
Bracebridge	3	30	190 15			50 26	3 30	509 92	100 00	92 04	.....	1	5000	1	1070
Huntsville and Silverdale	1	80	23 23			52 27	1 15	332 91	75 00	46 82	1 25	2	900	1	500
Gavenhurst	1	15	17 17			10 13	1 15	332 91	48 00	39 03	2 00	1	2500	1	1000
Barkway, Housey's Rapids and															
Cooper's Falls						20 00	1 35	285 43	.....	51 45	20 05	3	1000	1	500
Crown Hill and Hillsdale	1	15	3 00			23 95	1 15	302 29	60 00	44 32	.....	2	2200	1	900
Total	\$ 24 40	\$ 24 81	\$ 726 49	\$ 3 37	.....	\$ 578 84	\$36 95	8813 35	\$ 844 50	\$1235 02	\$ 182 75	39	\$ 50175 15	15	\$ 14500

NEBRASKA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-third Annual Session, held at Ainsworth, Nebraska, August 14-18, 1912

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President*
MINNIE A. BEERS, *Secretary* A. S. McCLURE, *Assistant Secretary*
W. W. BRUCE, *Statistical Secretary* WILLIAM McELFRESH, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—Walter A. Sellaw, William McElfresh, W. M. Adams.
On Publications—F. I. Waters, C. E. Atkinson, H. C. Williams.
On Education—H. Allgor, D. T. McClure, Thomas Thomas.
On Reforms—W. W. Whyte, William McElfresh, W. N. Bracken.
On Sunday-schools—J. L. Riley, A. S. McClure, Anna Timm.
On State of the Work—The district elders.
On Missions—The stationing committee.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—W. W. Bruce, F. E. Miller.
On Conference Claimants and Claims—Walter A. Sellaw, F. I. Waters, William McElfresh, Thomas Thomas, Thomas Brewer.
On Charities—J. L. Riley, F. I. Waters, H. L. Atkinson.
On Foreign Missions—Minnie A. Beers, Laura Inhelder, Mrs. H. D. Green.
On Complimentary Resolutions—W. W. Bruce, William McElfresh, R. S. Andrews.
To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—D. T. McClure.
On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

William McElfresh, president; W. W. Bruce, secretary; Thomas Brewer, treasurer; J. L. Riley, Thomas Thomas.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

W. W. Bruce, president, term expires 1915; J. L. Riley, secretary, term expires 1913; William McElfresh, term expires 1914.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF EDUCATION

A. S. McClure, president; W. W. Bruce, secretary; W. W. Whyte, treasurer; W. N. Bracken, William Atkinson.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

William McElfresh, president; W. M. Adams, term expires 1914; T. Thomas, treasurer; O. L. Barnes, J. L. Riley, term expires 1913; W. W. Bruce, secretary; William Atkinson, term expires 1915.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—A. S. McClure, *On Publications*—W. W. Bruce,
On Sunday-schools—H. C. Williams, *On Reforms*—William McElfresh.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions, Church Extension; second quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Permanent Fund, General Conference Entertainment Fund; third quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; fourth quarter, Conference Missions (25 cents).

CONFERENCE TREASURER

William McElfresh, 402 South 25th street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Miss Minnie A. Beers, Ainsworth, Nebraska; recording secretary, Miss Ruth Allgor, Butte, Nebraska; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Flora Williams, Blair, Nebraska; treasurer, Mrs. Margaret H. Allgor, Butte, Nebraska; superintendent of Junior Work, Mrs. H. D. Green, Dustin, Nebraska.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

Sidney Mills,
J. A. Finch,
H. Allgor,
W. M. Adams,
D. T. McClure,
W. W. Whyte,
L. E. Barnes,

A. S. McClure,
T. W. Rutledge,
William McElfresh,
F. I. Waters,
W. W. Bruce,
O. L. Barnes,
F. J. Atkinson,

J. L. Riley,
H. C. Williams,
*Lee Daily,
T. P. Brown,
F. E. Miller,
F. H. Urwin.

DELEGATES

Grace Hartsock,
H. L. Atkinson,
Mrs. D. E. Fisher,
C. E. Atkinson,
R. H. Hetrick,

R. H. Andrews,
Anna Timm,
Audry White,
W. N. Bracken,
A. I. Covey,

William Atkinson.
Laura Inhelder,
Thomas Thomas,
Thomas Brewer,
J. H. Williams.

2. Who are the stationing committee? Walter A. Sellew, William McElfresh, F. I. Waters, Thomas Thomas, Thomas Brewer.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.

4. Who remain on trial? Minnie A. Beers.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? F. E. Miller, F. H. Urwin.

6. Who are the deacons? W. W. Whyte, T. W. Rutledge, H. C. Williams, F. E. Miller, F. H. Urwin.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? D. T. McClure.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? O. L. Barnes.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? Sidney Mills, J. A. Finch, F. J. Atkinson, T. P. Brown.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? None.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificate of standing with a view to transfer to another conference? F. I. Waters, D. T. McClure.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistical reports.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? J. A. Finch, \$80; Maggie E. Stephens, \$30.

22, 23. See treasurer's report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At Louisville, Nebraska, as near the middle of August as will be convenient for the bishop who is to preside.

*Omitted by mistake last year.

MISCELLANEOUS

This session of the conference was very pleasantly entertained at Ainsworth, Nebraska. The business sittings were held in the new church, and the religious services in the tabernacle. Bishop Sellew presided with grace and acceptability and endeared himself to all. A spirit of love and unity prevailed in all the business of the conference.

Over \$750 was raised for various purposes, of which \$100 was for Orleans Seminary, and \$440 toward the indebtedness on the Ainsworth parsonage property.

The W. F. M. S. conducted a missionary meeting on Sunday afternoon. Bishop Sellew gave a very interesting address on the condition of women in heathen lands. An offering of \$138 in cash and subscriptions was received.

APPOINTMENTS

LINCOLN DISTRICT—W. W. BRUCE, District Elder, 2972 Orchard street, Lincoln, Nebraska

Lincoln.....J. L. Riley, 1214 North 27th street, Lincoln, Nebraska
Fremont and Bethel.....F. E. Miller, 543 South street, Fremont, "
Ceresco and Mt. Carmel.....To be supplied
Nebraska City and Minersville..W. W. Nichols, supply, Nebraska City, Nebraska
Wymore.....Mrs. Addie S. Renfro, supply, Wymore, "

O. L. Barnes, supernumerary; F. I. Waters, given a certificate of standing with a view to transfer to the Colorado conference; W. W. Bruce, member Lincoln district quarterly conference.

OMAHA DISTRICT—W. W. BRUCE, District Elder

Omaha.....A. S. McClure, 1409 South 7th avenue, Omaha, Nebraska
Louisville and La Platte.....W. W. Whyte, Louisville, "
Blair.....H. C. Williams, Blair, "

D. T. McClure, granted a certificate of standing with a view to transfer to the Colorado conference.

BUTTE DISTRICT—WILLIAM McELFRESH, District Elder, 402 South 25th street, Lincoln, Nebraska

Butte, Anoka and Echo.....F. H. Urwin, Butte, Nebraska
Mt. Zion, Bonesteel and Prairie Home.....
.....M. Hartsock, supply, Bonesteel, South Dakota
Lynch and Blackbird.....H. Allgor, Butte, Nebraska
Gregory and Ivanhoe Schoolhouse.....Lee Daily, Gregory, South Dakota

Sidney Mills, J. A. Finch, superannuated; L. E. Barnes, left without appointment according to paragraph 96 of the Discipline; William McElfresh, member Butte district quarterly conference.

AINSWORTH DISTRICT—WILLIAM McELFRESH, District Elder

Ainsworth and Mabelo.....Minnie A. Beers, Ainsworth, Nebraska
Huffman.....To be supplied
Southside and Dustin....A. J. Everts, Rosa Everts, supplies, Dustin, Nebraska
Kirkwood and Mills.....T. W. Rutledge, Mills, "
Porter Valley.....To be supplied

F. J. Atkinson, superannuated; W. M. Adams, conference missionary.

NORFOLK DISTRICT—WILLIAM McELFRESH, District Elder

Birch and Plainview....Jesse Wilson, supply, R. F. D. No. 2, Pierce, Nebraska
Riverside and Page.....L. Foreman, supply, Page, "
Chambers and Swan.....P. E. Fisher, supply, Chambers, Nebraska
T. P. Brown, superannuated.

LOCAL PREACHERS

*Charles Kirkland, Atkinson, Nebraska	J. V. Parks.....Lincoln, Nebraska
*A. Amspoker .....Lincoln,	" H. Hayden .....Fremont,
†H. D. Green.....Dustin,	" †M. M. Hartsock, Bonesteel, South Da-
E. E. Dillon.....Spragg,	" kota.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

A. J. Everts.....Dustin, Nebraska	L. Foreman.....Page, Nebraska
Mrs. Rosa Everts...Dustin,	" Mrs. N. Katie Waters, Estes Park,
Mrs. Cynthia Rutledge, Mills, Ne-	Colorado
braska	

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

W. S. Berry.....Dustin, Nebraska	Mrs. Lydia Coen..Ainsworth, Nebraska
Mrs. Grace Hartsock, Bonesteel, South	Mrs. Margaret H. Allgor, Butte, Ne-
Dakota	braska

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL MISSIONS—Apportioned and paid, \$58.80.
 CHURCH EXTENSION—Apportioned and paid, \$39.20.
 BISHOPS' SALARIES—Apportioned and paid, \$70.56.
 PERMANENT FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$19.60.
 GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—Apportioned and paid, \$7.84.
 CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$176.40.
 HOME MISSIONS—Apportioned and paid, \$98.00.
 CHILDREN'S FUND—\$11.66.
 FOREIGN MISSIONS—\$8.11.
 FOR PUBLISHING THE MINUTES—\$26.30.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON EDUCATION

The subject of education is an important one. We are living in an age when great attention is being given to learning. The masses are being educated and well trained mentally.

Education has ever been a powerful factor in directing the affairs of men. Though there are many abuses of learning, we must recognize the advantage of an education when it is sanctified to God. Examples of this are seen in Moses, Paul, Luther, Wesley, Roberts, Redfield and others. While God has in the past used men and women of limited learning to help build up His kingdom, yet we believe they could have been more useful, had they each had a liberal education. All our reformers, and those who have brought about great changes in their times, have been men who were highly educated. Paul said, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Education trains, develops and broadens the mind. So the man whose mind is cultivated by a liberal education has a broader view of truth than he who does not have this training.

God uses what he finds in the man. He imparts no new faculties or attainments to those whom he saves, but appropriates, endues and uses the talents they already possess. It should be our aim and effort, as ministers, to thoroughly equip ourselves for the service of God. Not only so, but an obligation

*Elder.

†Deacon.

is upon us to provide the means by which our young people, who are soon to take our places in the church and in the work of the Lord, shall have an education which will fit them to successfully carry forward the work, which under God, will soon be in their hands. We deplore the fact that in many Free Methodist homes Christian education and training is sadly neglected. This education of the child should begin early in life. We would advise all who can to send their children to one of our Christian schools. Of these schools, special mention might be made of Orleans Seminary, as this conference is in its patronizing territory. We hope that under its present efficient principal and faculty it may succeed, and that our people will assist it both by their prayers and patronage.

NEBRASKA CONFERENCE RECORD

Session	PLACE	TIME	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	DIST. ELDERS
1	Yutan, Nebraska	August 14, 1890..	G. W. Coleman	B.F.Summers	W. W. Harris
2	Yutan, "	September 2, 1891..	B. T. Roberts	A. Stedwell	W. M. Adams W. W. Harris
3	Wymore, "	August 24, 1892..	E. P. Hart	E. Ballenger	W. M. Adams W. W. Harris
4	So. Omaha, "	August 16, 1893..	G. W. Coleman	"	W. M. Adams W. W. Harris
5	Lincoln, "	August 8, 1894..	W. T. Hogue	"	W. M. Adams W. E. Stuart
6	Yutan, "	August 22, 1895..	E. P. Hart	"	W. E. Stuart E. Ballenger
7	Elk City, "	August 26, 1896..	G. W. Coleman	W. M. Adams	W. E. Stuart E. Ballenger
8	Yutan, "	August 18, 1897..	B. R. Jones	"	W. E. Stuart E. Ballenger
9	Yutan, "	August 17, 1898..	E. P. Hart	"	E. Ballenger W. M. Adams
10	Norfolk Jct., "	September 6, 1899..	G. W. Coleman	O. L. Barnes	E. Ballenger P. H. Arlington
11	Blair, "	August 22, 1900..	W. A. Sellew	"	E. Ballenger Sidney Mills
12	Oakdale, "	August 28, 1901..	B. R. Jones	"	E. Ballenger J. A. Finch
13	Fremont, "	August 27, 1902..	E. P. Hart	"	W. W. Bruce E. Ballenger
14	Yutan, "	August 19, 1903..	W. T. Hogue	"	W. W. Bruce J. A. Finch
15	Butte, "	August 17, 1904..	W. A. Sellew	"	W. W. Bruce O. L. Barnes
16	Lincoln, "	August 9, 1905..	B. R. Jones	"	W. W. Bruce O. L. Barnes
17	Mead'w Gr'Ve "	August 15, 1906..	B. Winget	"	O. L. Barnes W. W. Bruce
18	Blair, "	August 14, 1907..	W.B.Olmstead	"	O. L. Barnes E. E. Hatfield
19	Butte, "	August 12, 1908..	W. A. Sellew	"	E. E. Hatfield W. M. Adams
20	Lincoln, "	August 18, 1909..	B. R. Jones	A. S. McClure	E. E. Hatfield W. M. Adams
21	Ewing, "	August 10, 1910..	William Pearce	A. S. McClure	T. B. Wilson W. M. Adams
22	Blair, "	August 23, 1911..	W. T. Hogue	M. A. Beers	F. L. Waters W. McElfresh
23	Ainsworth, "	August 14, 1912..	W. A. Sellew	M. A. Beers	W. W. Bruce W. McElfresh

NOTE—The first named Elder of each year served the southern districts. The last named served the northern districts.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Ante' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claims	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Entertainment General Conference
Lincoln District	F. I. Waters, District Elder	45	2	47	1	1	1	9	45	13	\$ 19 35	\$ 7 74	\$ 6 85	\$ 6 45	\$ 4 80	\$ 08
	J. L. Riley.....	32	1	33	12	2	1	5	33	9	9 90	3 96	64	4	2 70	54
	W. W. Nichols, supply.....	22	3	25	6	1	2	12	25	3	12 15	4 86	25	4 05	2 70	54
	W. C. Williams.....	16	1	17	6	1	1	4	17	3	2 10	2 10	30	90	60	12
	Ceseco and Mt. Carmel.....	10	1	11	10	1	1	5	15	2	4 93	1 18	1	1	1	1
Omaha District	F. I. Waters, District Elder	26	2	28	1	1	1	6	30	9	9 45	3 78	5 25	3 15	2 10	40
	A. S. McClure.....	21	1	22	21	1	2	12	43	8	9 01	3 60	6 00	3 00	2 00	40
	F. H. Urwin.....	21	1	22	21	1	1	6	15	6	10 35	4 14	5 75	3 45	2 30	46
Butte District	Wm. McElfresh, District Elder	24	1	25	24	1	1	9	52	9	9 00	3 80	5 00	3 00	2 00	40
	F. E. Miller.....	23	1	24	24	1	3	20	80	5	13 33	5 58	7 75	4 65	2 10	62
	W. W. Whyte.....	20	1	21	1	1	1	4	13	2	24	3 94	1 74	1 20	2 20	40
	M. M. Hartsock, supply.....	9	7	16	10	1	1	5	20	2	3 60	1 44	1 74	1 20	2 20	40
	L. E. Barnes.....	20	1	21	20	1	1	5	20	2	3 60	1 44	1 74	1 20	2 20	40
Norfolk District	Wm. McElfresh, District Elder	11	1	12	11	1	1	3	18	6	4 95	1 98	2 75	1 65	1 10	22
	L. Foreman, supply.....	23	3	26	26	1	1	5	25	8	9 04	5 76	2 50	4 80	3 20	20
	Jessie Wilson, supply.....	12	6	18	18	1	1	1	1	2	4 50	1 80	2 50	1 50	1 00	20
Ainsworth District	Wm. McElfresh, District Elder	17	1	18	17	1	1	1	1	5	6 75	2 70	3 75	2 20	1 50	30
	W. M. Adams.....	15	1	16	15	1	1	1	1	6	11 70	4 68	6 40	3 90	2 60	52
	Wm. McElfresh.....	19	1	20	19	1	2	6	14	6	11 70	4 68	6 40	3 90	2 60	52
	Henry Algor.....	29	1	30	29	1	2	9	26	6	11 70	4 68	6 40	3 90	2 60	52
	A. J. Everts, supply.....	29	1	30	29	1	2	9	26	6	11 70	4 68	6 40	3 90	2 60	52
Total.....		355	24	379	8	5	22	124	495	99	\$ 155 53	\$ 67 39	\$ 61 48	\$ 51 90	\$ 35 10	\$ 5 16

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Mis- sion- ary Claims	Woman's For- eign Mis- sionary Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
Lincoln District															
Lincoln			42 81			\$ 30 00	\$ 2 17	\$ 510 20	\$ 144 00	\$ 139 01	\$	1	\$ 2500	1	\$ 1500
Nebraska City and Minersville								67 84	40 00	35 52	7 82	1	2500	1	800
Bethel and Fremont			4 20			30 00	1 35	332 80	84 00	39 40		2	2500	1	1000
Wesaco and Mt. Carmel						7 83	30	45 80		19 48		1	2500	1	1000
Wymore						9 04		49 80	20 00	20 58		1	1000	1	500
Omaha District															
Omaha		50 00	95 00	5 00	2 68	24 39	1 05	393 38	31 07	61 00	15 10	1	1000	1	500
Louisville and LaPlatte		4 10				34 35		350 00	06 00	95 86	39 15	2	2200	1	900
Blair						16 95	1 15	235 00	85 00	61 11	20 00	1	1200	1	1200
Butte District															
Butte		8 00	11 00		2 15	25 00	1 00	417 00	00 00	53 00		1	1000	1	500
Mt. Zion, Bonesteel, Prairie Home		3 11	1 00		5 52	24 82	1 55	200 00	30 00	44 53		2	2000	1	250
Lynch and Blackbird						4 41	1 10	94 80	30 00	20 48	4 20	1	1000	1	600
Gregory						9 03	40	50 23		29 20		1	1200		
Norfolk District															
Norfolk and Birch		18 00					5 82	175 00	75 00	47 72	30 74			1	500
Fairview and Riverside							8 80	130 00		68 10	15 65	1	500		
Chambers		74 00	39 30		6 65		50	198 30		33 40	47 00				
Ainsworth District															
Ainsworth and Mabelo							75	125 15	144 00	44 69	20 00	1	3000	1	2000
Huffman								210 46	6 25	57 82		1	800	1	400
Mills and Kirkwood			8 39		1 30	12 24	1 30	252 01	25 00	73 07	36 82				
Southeast and Phoenix						20 00	1 30								
Total		\$139 21	\$ 220 30	\$ 5 00	\$ 18 30	\$ 267 28	\$14 45	\$ 3937 41	\$ 839 25	\$1007 75	\$ 253 08	20	\$ 21000	13	\$ 11350

OHIO CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirty-fourth Annual Session, held at
Mansfield, Ohio, September 4-8, 1912

OFFICERS

W. B. OLMSTEAD, *President*
J. E. WILLIAMS, *Secretary* C. W. SMITH, *Assistant Secretary*
JOHN TIMBERS, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. B. Olmstead, J. A. Hopkins, H. F. Hall.
On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.
On Raising Funds for Publishing the Minutes—O. L. Stricker, F. DeLong.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—H. W. Sanderson, L. C. Waters.
G. T. Baldwin.
On Reforms—W. A. Sayre, R. Baker, Eliza Ries.
On Publications—O. L. Spencer, J. W. Davis, W. F. Guffey.
On Education—H. F. Aiken, R. B. Niles, M. E. Snyder.
On Sunday-schools—F. C. Calkins, J. A. Bolton, Lily Sanderson.
On Nominations—J. W. Headley, D. W. Wesley, J. A. Hopkins.
On Claimants and Claims—W. B. Olmstead, J. W. Headley, J. A. Hopkins, J. W. Davis, W. F. Guffey.
Auditing Committee—J. E. Williams, C. W. Smith.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF EDUCATION

J. E. Williams, E. D. Crane, O. M. Shaw.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

John Timbers, time expires 1915; J. A. Hopkins, time expires 1914; J. C. Sherburne, time expires 1913.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. W. Headley, D. W. Wesley, J. A. Hopkins, J. W. Davis, J. E. Crider, I. H. Potts.

COMMITTEE ON AGGRESSIVE EVANGELISM

J. A. Hopkins, president; W. A. Sayre, secretary; Dr. G. T. Baldwin, treasurer;
J. W. Headley, W. F. Guffey, R. B. Niles, J. W. Thrush.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions, 15 cents per member; second quarter, Bishops' Salaries and General Conference Expenses, 22 cents per member; third quarter, Home Missions, Church Extension and Spring Arbor Seminary, 30 cents per member; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants and Permanent Fund, 50 cents per member.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

J. W. Headley,	J. A. Bolton,	W. J. Hampp,
J. A. Hopkins,	E. D. Crane,	O. L. Stricker,
D. W. Wesley,	W. F. Matthewson,	E. F. Aiken,
J. E. Williams,	B. B. Casto,	H. F. Aiken,
H. Burse,	O. L. Spencer,	C. W. Warner,
Jasper Hayden,	C. W. Smith,	E. C. Gravina,
W. B. Olmstead,	G. E. Conant,	F. Lincicome,
J. C. Sherburne,	J. M. Swain,	W. A. Sayre,
F. C. Calkins,	R. B. Niles,	M. E. Snyder,
H. F. Hall,	John Timbers,	L. C. Waters,
F. DeLong,	O. M. Shaw,	Mary E. Hall,
H. W. Sanderson,	E. A. Bryan,	W. H. James,

DELEGATES

G. T. Baldwin,	Emma Slusser,	W. S. G. Altman,
M. O. Morton,	Mary Slusser,	Cynthia A. Doran,
W. O. Kincaid,	M. L. Scott,	Mary Grandstaff,
W. R. Mills,	W. F. Guffey,	W. B. Kerr,
W. H. Coulter,	R. Baker,	I. H. Potts,
Mrs. M. L. Doe,	L. Hayden,	T. W. Bennett,
Lizzie Scott,	C. N. Schenkle,	S. Johnson,
J. W. Davis,	Mary E. Chaney,	R. M. McElfresh,
Eliza Ries,	Robert E. Bowen,	J. B. Thompson,
J. W. Thrush,	Fred Powell,	Lilly Sanderson,
J. E. Crider,	Catherine Shumaker,	

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. B. Olmstead, J. A. Hopkins, J. W. Headley, D. W. Wesley, J. W. Davis, J. E. Crider, W. F. Guffey.

3. What preachers are received on trial? E. E. Brown, Guy C. Williams, E. C. Boyles, Mable E. Race, Oly M. Judy.

4. Who remain on trial? Noah Van Kennel, F. C. Easton, Walter M. Aiken, T. Z. Hadley, Charles Mitchell.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? B. B. Casto, F. DeLong, O. L. Spencer, J. M. Swain, G. E. Conant, E. F. Aiken, W. J. Hampp, E. A. Bryan, O. M. Shaw, C. W. Warner.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? O. L. Stricker.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? H. W. Sanderson, E. A. Bryan, E. F. Aiken, H. F. Aiken, B. B. Casto, W. J. Hampp.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? J. E. Williams, W. H. James.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? W. H. James, from the East Michigan conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of standing with a view to transfer to another conference? None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? J. E. Williams, \$150; Mrs. E. C. Olmstead, \$100; Mrs. Lizzie Scott and children, \$110.

22-23. Were not asked.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Zanesville, Ohio, as near the third Wednesday in August as can be arranged for by the board of bishops.

APPOINTMENTS

CLEVELAND DISTRICT—WALTER A. SAYRE, District Elder

Cleveland and Mt. Pleasant.....F. Lincicome, 4504 Bridge avenue, Cleveland, Ohio
 Rocky River and Bennett's Corners.....G. C. Williams, Rocky River, "
 Akron.....John Timbers, 1044 Yale street, Akron, "
 Kent.....J. A. Bolton, Helen S. Bolton, supply, Kent, "
 Ashtabula, Greggs and Steamburg.....W. M. Aiken, R. F. D., Jefferson, "
 Warren and Cortland.....F. C. Calkins, Warren, "
 Youngstown.....R. B. Niles, 1038 Erie street, Youngstown, "
 Big Prairie and Pleasant Grove.....M. E. Snyder, Big Prairie, "
 Davis and Howard.....O. L. Spencer, R. F. D., Perrysville, "
 Canton.....E. D. Crane, 1202 S. Harrison street, Canton, "

T. Z. Hadley, attending school at Spring Arbor Seminary, Spring Arbor, Michigan; J. E. Williams, superannuated, 1342 Westlake avenue, Lakewood, Ohio; W. H. James, superannuated, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

TOLEDO DISTRICT—J. W. HEADLEY, District Elder, Toledo, Ohio

Toledo and Delta.....
H. Burse, Bertha E. Burse, supply, 1608 Peoria street, Toledo, Ohio
 Holland and Monclova.....O. L. Stricker, Holland, "
 Bethel.....S. Johnson, supply, R. F. D. No. 1, Butler, Indiana
 Brunersburg.....Oly M. Judy, Ney, Ohio
 Kiefersville.....Blanche Repp, supply, Continental, "
 Celina.....F. DeLong, 230 Anthony street, Celina, "
 Hume, Cridersville, Lima.....Charles Mitchell, Maud Mitchell, Cridersville, "
 Bowling Green.....C. G. Sayre, supply, Bowling Green, "
 North Baltimore and Deshler.....Noah Van Kennell, North Baltimore, "
 Galion and West Point.....J. M. Swain, Galion, "
 Chicago.....H. F. Hall, R. F. D., Iberia, "
 Monroeville.....Mary E. Hall, Iberia, R. F. D., "
 Mansfield.....O. M. Shaw, 52 Woodland avenue, Mansfield, "

Jasper Hayden, Missionary to Cuba; E. A. Bryan, E. F. Aiken, H. F. Aiken, B. B. Casto, W. J. Hampp, supernumerary; W. B. Olmstead, general Sunday-school secretary and evangelist; W. F. Matthewson, supplying a circuit in the Washington conference.

COLUMBUS DISTRICT—J. A. HOPKINS, District Elder

Columbus.....D. W. Wesley, 322 E. Fifth avenue, Columbus, Ohio
 New AlbanyTo be supplied
 NewarkTo be supplied
 DaytonTo be supplied
 Dugan Valley and Urbana.....G. E. Conant, Urbana, Ohio

J. A. Hopkins, member of the Columbus district quarterly conference; Frank C. Easton, teacher in Orleans Seminary, Orleans, Nebraska; H. W. Sanderson, supernumerary.

ATHENS DISTRICT—J. A. HOPKINS, District Elder

Athens and Strouds Run.....J. C. Sherburne, Athens, Ohio
 Mt. Carmel and Hollister.....A. A. Price, Glouster, Ohio
 Pomeroy.....E. C. Gravina, R. F. D., Pomeroy, "

SUMMERFIELD DISTRICT—J. A. HOPKINS, District Elder

Summerfield, Tabor and East Union.....L. C. Waters, Summerfield, Ohio
 Sarahsville, Perryopolis, Olive and Ava.....C. W. Warner, Sarahsville, "
 Hall's Chapel and Hill Grove.....E. E. Brown, Minersville, "
 Zanesville and Mt. Sterling.....C. W. Smith, 18 Clover street, Zanesville, "
 Byersville, Senecaville and Craigs.....E. C. Boyles, Byersville, "

MISCELLANEOUS

The Ohio conference held its thirty-fourth annual session in the Free Methodist church, at Mansfield, Ohio, September 4-8, 1912. Five sittings were held, all of which were very harmonious.

In the absence of Bishop B. R. Jones, who could not be with us on the account of his afflictions, W. B. Olmstead was elected by the conference to preside over the sittings, which he did with grace, and to the entire satisfaction of all. His preaching was inspiring, uplifting, edifying, and a blessing to all who heard him. We felt that truly he came to us in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.

The following visiting brethren were introduced to the conference and invited to honorary seats: D. D. Marston and G. W. Weldman, of the North Indiana conference; W. H. James, of the North Michigan conference; F. L. Baker, of the Michigan conference; U. G. Hoover, of the Wabash conference; Jules Ryff, of the South African Mission conference; I. K. Winbarger, of the Grace Methodist Episcopal church; Jacob J. Wythe, of the Central Methodist Episcopal church; T. W. Grose, of the First Methodist Episcopal church; E. D. Paulin, of the Main Street Evangelical church; and D. B. Miller, a superannuated preacher of the Methodist Episcopal church.

John Timbers was re-elected conference treasurer, and the pastors should send all conference claims belonging to the general fund to him at 1044 Yale street, Akron, Ohio.

\$1,537.68 was raised during the past year, for foreign missions, by the W. F. M. S.

At the Sunday morning service, Oscar L. Stricker was ordained elder.

The general missionary board was asked to make the following appropriations: Chicago Junction, \$25; Urbana, \$40; North Baltimore, \$25.

A collection of \$12.65 was raised for the purpose of reimbursing the conference treasurer, and an appropriation of \$10 from the conference mission funds was given to the secretary of the conference for his service.

\$585.76 was raised Sunday morning for aggressive evangelism.

W. H. James, among the first Free Methodist preachers that ever preached in Ohio, was received into the Ohio conference by transfer from the North Michigan conference at this session. Many of the older pilgrims who knew him in the earlier days of our work in Ohio, were greatly delighted and wonderfully pleased to meet him once again and to hear his voice in prayer and song.

We are certain that all who were in attendance at the conference felt very grateful to the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. H. F. Hall, and to the district elder and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Hopkins, who, with the local society, were abundant in labors, providing for the convenience and comfort of the members and visitors of the conference.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$155.40.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed and paid, \$186.48.

CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed and paid, \$103.60.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS'—Assessed and paid, \$466.20.

PERMANENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$51.80.

GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$20.72.

HOME MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$155.40.

CHILDREN'S FUND—\$15.50.

EDUCATIONAL FUND—\$6.91.

TO PUBLISH MINUTES—\$44.30.

TOTAL RECEIPTS—\$1,206.31.

DISBURSEMENTS—\$1,206.31.

W. F. M. S., RAISED—\$1,537.68.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS

Your committee on Sunday-schools begs to submit the following report:

Since the inauguration of the Christian religion, many mighty moral and religious institutions have sprung up and flowed out to bless the world, of which the Sabbath-school has an undisputed right to stand in the front ranks.

First. Because its work begins in earliest childhood and continues increasingly through life. Second. Because of the universal scope of its activities, applying alike to high and low, young and old, wise and simple, foreign and domestic, a world-wide movement of universal good.

The Sunday-school, viewed from an educational standpoint, is entitled to the highest place among the different branches of learning. It educates the spiritual, moral and eternal elements of man. It is accomplishing the greatest work with the smallest means. There is no public taxation for its support, no battleships or standing armies for its defense, no quarreling legislators under high salaries, to make and modify its laws; yet it has some forty millions enlisted in its ranks. It is spreading and growing, perhaps, more rapidly than any other institution in the world. It works more harmoniously than any other institution of its size in this or any other country. It has brought all nations together on the international Sunday-school lesson, and for universal unanimity, it is probably without an equal in the secular or religious world. It is pre-eminently a labor of love.

The course of study pursued in the Sunday-school is of prime importance, which study is ultimately the study of the Bible or the word of God. Whether it be chart or map, blackboard or picture, song or story, all are supposed to point to the scriptures of divine truth.

St. Paul, in referring to the excellent training of young Timothy for his life work, said, "From a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which is able to make you wise unto salvation through faith, which is in Christ Jesus." But, we fear sometimes people rest more in studying lesson leaves, and geographical sketches, times and places, than they do in the moral and spiritual lessons taught in the word of God.

We believe that if a sincere Christian teacher can impress on the mind of a child the story of the creation of the world, and of man, it will be the strongest argument possible against the baboon theory or the evolution theory of the infidel. But unless the heart and mind of the child can be early reached with the cardinal truths of the Bible, some embassy of sin will probably reach him with hell redemption or some nicely labeled spiritual poison to destroy his soul and body.

We earnestly recommend our catechism as the best of studies in our Sunday-schools.

It is encouraging to note that the work of the Sunday-school is no longer looked upon as confined to the instruction of childhood and youth; but men of minds and maturity are recognizing in it a field of light and opportunity. The adult classes of our Sunday-schools offer one of the best of opportunities to teach the true doctrine of Christianity, and this is one of the greatest needs of the Christian church to-day. The world is not making so much of an onslaught upon the Bible these days, but the enemies of the truth in high places are attacking the fundamental doctrines of Christianity one by one, with a seeming attempt to take the heart out of Christian faith, leaving us nothing but the shell. When the book of Genesis is found to be untrue, and the divinity of Christ is denied, and the miracles are proven to be a myth, and hell securely closed up, then the band can play on, "Nearer my God to Thee," and go down to death without fear. Most of our Sunday-school lessons give direct suggestions on some cardinal Christian doctrines, and with these explained and rightly taught to the youth and adult, no better fortification can be made against the floodtide of skepticism that is pressing the life out of our religion. If the right notion of the creation of man, and his fall and total depravity, and the doctrine of the divinity of Christ as an all-sufficient Savior by the

regeneration and sanctifying power of the Holy Ghost, is diligently and properly taught in our Sunday-schools, the vendors of new religious views, who offer a dollar's worth of their religion for about ninety-five cents, would be looked upon by more people as swindlers and counterfeiters of spiritual truth.

Our facilities for learning and teaching the scriptures has multiplied rapidly in the recent past. Our own denomination, although of humble pretension, is well up with the stronger bodies in modern equipment, and as to purity of literature and Christian deportment, is none behind the best.

We appreciate the growing interest in our Sunday-school work, and we are resting confidently in the fact that the men who have the general oversight, both of the literature and field work of the Sunday-school, are men of God as well as men of ability. But generals and officers cannot carry on the war alone. The steady marching and hard fighting and proper execution of the work must be accomplished by the rank and file of the private volunteers. When these are active, enemies are alarmed, citadels are bombarded, fields are taken and work accomplished for the Master.

Let these buckle on the armor and come to the front with zeal and courage, and the field will be taken for God, truth and our work will flourish like the palm tree, and grow like the cedars of Lebanon. We shall not attempt here to suggest new methods of work, or to even draw attention to those methods already at our hand. We are not failing for want of good methods. Our lines of work are clearly defined; good plans are well formulated, and the best of instruction is easily available. What we need is more prayers with points to them, more courage with determination in it, more faith in God and in ourselves.

The best of machinery is useless without fire and steam to drive it. The cry from headquarters is, "Put your shoulder to the wheel, organize and operate." May we not receive a baptism from on high for this special work of rescuing the young from the prison cells of darkness, and letting our light so shine that others may see our good works, and glorify our Father which is in heaven?

II.—ON EDUCATION

It is often a subject of remark that an infant is among the most helpless of all God's creatures. The organism of its being, however, is so completely fashioned for unfolding and development that the fond mother may note a rapid transition from creeping, walking, talking, climbing, running and jumping, to marks of greater maturity. This development may be recognized as the child's education.

The faculties and powers of the human creature are threefold, and are classed under that of the physical, mental and moral natures. True education deals with the development of each of these natures to the end that we come "unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." The neglect of any one of these classes of powers or faculties will result in the failure to produce this desired character.

If the physical is developed at the neglect of the mental and moral, the result may be a physical giant; but these are days when much emphasis is placed upon the mind's training, and brain is placed at a premium over brawn. Again, if special care be taken to excel in mental discipline and activity, and the moral be neglected, the product may be a moral derelict. This is the increasingly appalling situation of the present hour. While ever increasing earnestness is being manifested in our schools to produce in the child a fund of useful knowledge and a capacity for mental activity, such as will prepare him to meet the high mental standard of the day, yet the careful parent who watches diligently for the welfare of his child, notes sadly the lack of these great factors which make for moral character. Who of those of you who read McGuffey's and similar readers, do not recall the moral lesson which fastened upon the mind when a child? Those lessons, while they taught the child how to read, instilled into his mind and heart the invaluable truths which make for righteousness. In place of those, the lighter fairy tales, which lack in the

strong, definite moral teaching, if not positively detrimental, are introduced. The great Book of Books, whose teaching has blessed the nations of the world, is being excluded from the public schools, and in its stead are introduced teachings and influences which set adrift from the moral moorings of even a few years ago. The movements of the dance are taught the children of the public school, and God only knows what the harvest of this sowing is to be.

Roman Catholicism is not only largely responsible for removing the Bible from our public schools, but has declared herself pitted against the whole system, and is setting in motion every available influence and power to degrade, and finally to destroy it.

The *Catholic Universe* declares, "The public schools originated in hell, and we, as an institution, should drive them back to hell from whence they came."

The Free Methodists have recognized the seriousness of the situation with which we are confronted, and have provided schools and a college, where our moral and religious standards are kept before the minds of our children and young people, while the high standard of mental training is maintained.

We recognize it a great privilege to have such a school, as that of Spring Arbor Seminary, to which we may send our children and young people for proper education.

The members of the faculty, which have been secured for the coming year at this seminary, are well qualified for work. From a spiritual standpoint all the faculty are Christians and members of our church, which we feel is important for the accomplishment of our purpose as a Christian and denominational school. From an intellectual point of view, this faculty is qualified in a special manner, as they are not only graduates from our Greenville college with degrees, but are men and women of experience in teaching in colleges and state high-schools.

The faculty, in cooperation with the pastor during the past year, worked definitely for the salvation of the students. Two teachers lay slain under the burden for the salvation of students one whole forenoon.

We, your committee, recommend that we raise five cents per member throughout this conference for carrying forward the work of the Spring Arbor Seminary the coming year, as the Michigan and East Michigan conferences have already voted to do, and as the other patronizing conferences will be requested to do.

III.—ON PUBLICATIONS

Realizing the power of the press as a mighty factor in the enlightenment of the people, we deem it the duty as well as the privilege of the church to avail herself of its advantages, and also to discriminate in the selection of reading; for we are well aware that there is a great deal of literature published that is pernicious, poisoning the mind, dwarfing and destroying the souls of men.

The daily newspapers, while they give us much of the current news that is well for us to know, yet they are so filled with sensational matter, that to be a constant reader of them tends to demoralize rather than to elevate the mind. Then there are so-called religious books and publications, that, while their titles are suggestive of truth and light, yet they contain much that is false and deceptive. We often find in the homes of good people some publications that have very beautiful titles which are only used as a deceptive bait to lure people to purchase or peruse. We would especially call attention to the publications of the *Zion's Watch Tower* publishing house, which advocate the "Millennial Dawn" teachings of C. T. Russell, also the publications of the Seventh Day Adventists. While these publications contain many of the Bible quotations, yet much of it is perverted and thus deceives. There are many publications that are anti-holiness, or opposed to the doctrine and experience of entire sanctification as taught and experienced by the founders of Methodism. We would therefore warn our people to beware, and purchase and read only such books

and literature as are devoid of error, except it be to inform themselves of the errors, in order to refute them and warn others of their danger.

In the selection of periodicals, we as Free Methodists, should take and read, so far as possible, our church paper, the *Free Methodist*, in preference to all others, not only because it advocates fully the doctrines of the church for which we stand, and to our minds, ranks the highest among the so-called holiness papers, but it keeps us well informed in regard to the state of our work at home and abroad. Every Free Methodist family, as far as possible, should have it as a weekly visitor to the home. It is to our shame that so many of our people neglect to take our church paper, and yet will support some daily or weekly secular newspaper. If we can not afford to pay for but one, let it be our own church paper. We are free to admit that there are many other religious papers that are excellent, and may be read with profit, but the *Free Methodist* should be first with us. Our Sunday-school literature is of the very best, and should be used by all of our Sunday-schools, and in our homes.

The books published and handled by our publishing house are of the highest rank, and, so far as possible, should be purchased and read by our people.

In view of our need of these publications and the benefits accrued to our intellects and souls by their use, we recommend that as a conference, we avail ourselves of these blessings, and endeavor to disseminate our literature and publications throughout our conference and among others. If we were able to do the work that these who scatter their false teachings are doing, we might, to a large extent, counteract their pernicious influence; but let us do our best.

IV.—ON REFORMS

No one, who studies the condition of to-day, fails to see the need of a wide reform on many lines. We admit many reforms are being instituted, but we recognize no power of reform equal to the religion of the Bible. We desire to call attention to a few evils of to-day.

SABBATH DESECRATION—God has said, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." We will do well to heed, 'thus saith the Lord.' The Jews were admonished to be careful and not even gather sticks on the Lord's day, but in our time, moving vans, delivery wagons, butchers' wagons, produce and milk wagons, are seen on our streets doing business. Pleasure-seekers without number roam at will about the parks and on the water, fishing. Some dance, some play ball, and others bawl while they play. Some go visiting, keeping others from the house of prayer; others go riding on the street car, while some read the newspapers at home. May we not see a reform on this line?

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE—Marriage is honorable and instituted in the time of man's innocency. We read, "They twain shall be one flesh," and again, "Whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery, and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced, committeth adultery." The divorce evil has grown to immense proportions in our country. Twenty percent of marriages end in divorce, and ninety percent of divorces are for the purpose of re-marriage.

We are opposed to polygamy, and fail to note the difference between the man who acknowledges a number of wives and their children as long as he lives, and the man who puts away a wife every few years with her children. We are surely in need of a national reform in the divorce and marriage laws.

ROMANISM—We see working at the very vitals of our liberty and peace, a black hand. This power would take from us the Christian Bible, the light and foundation of American freedom, and force upon us the slavery, darkness and ignorance of past ages, and for the light of the world give us bones and beads, candles and cross, and holy water, etc. In a late issue of the *Catholic World* of New York, we find some strange language, yet not so strange, for we often see such in these last days. It says, "The Roman Catholic is to wield his vote for the purpose of securing Catholic ascendancy in this country. All legisla-

tion must be governed by the will of God, unerringly indicated by the Pope. Education must be controlled by the Catholic authorities." Under education, the opinion of the individual, and the utterance of the press, are included. It is our duty, not only to watch this dreaded enemy, but to so vote and work and pray that its strongholds will be weakened, and its influences deadened.

EVIL SPEAKING—This is one of the evils that is most commonly practised, and probably the one that is the least thought of. The Apostle teaches us that the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity; it is an unruly evil full of deadly poison, and that it defileth the whole body. How careful we ought to be. With this deadly poison, this dynamite of the devil, some of our circuits and stations have been fearfully and materially weakened, and some completely destroyed. How often is this sin practised among church members at quarterly meetings, camp-meetings and at conferences? It is so easy to fall into sin because of the prevalency of it. What a plank it is to slip persons into hell! We sound the alarm, and plead for a reform on this line, and to this end we beg to call attention to the requirements of our book of discipline, regarding the reading of Wesley's sermon on evil speaking, once a year in each society.

DRESS—We stand, as we have afore time, for plainness of attire, and against all worldliness in dress. We stand opposed to gaily dressing those in our charge.

LIQUOR TRAFFIC—This is one of the awful evils of our land. It is the one that helps so many other evil practises. Without it, the white slave traffic would not and could not exist as it does. We are opposed strongly to any compromise measure in the liquor traffic, and stand for a complete annihilation of the business, from the speak-easy to the distillery.

WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC—In our land of liberty and prosperity there dwells one of the most wicked and cruel traffics known to man. As one has said, "Any crime beyond this is almost unthinkable." In the days of African slavery there were the tears and groans, blood-hounds and whipping-posts, the crying of families torn apart, and the fattening of the purse of the planter. How much like this is the white slave traffic of to-day, with its tears and groans, barred windows and breaking rooms, the crying of the one who has been robbed, yes robbed of the peace and happiness of life, and the fattening of the purse of the fiend, who with his satanic eye, beholds his victim waste away and die. The former of these slaveries has been wiped out by tears and prayer, and by the best blood the nation has known; but the latter still goes on, yes in sight of the nation's capitol, not more than a half score blocks from the President's mansion. We are told by good authority, that there is a precious girl offered on the altar of lust each five minutes in the United States alone. Mothers, fathers, let us pray and work hard that this awful traffic in girls, with its clearing houses and procurers, may be brought to a speedy end.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OHIO CONFERENCE

CLEVELAND AND TOLEDO DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER										Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claims	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claims	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Entertainment General Conference
Cleveland District																									
D. W. Wesley, District Elder																									
Cleveland and Mt. Pleasant....						74	16	90	2	1	1	1	16	142	20	\$ 33 30	\$ 13 32	\$ 11 10	\$ 11 10	\$ 7 40	\$ 1 48				
Rocky River and Bennetts Corners.....						31		31					9	50	10	14 40	5 75	4 80	4 80	3 20	64				
Akron						27	1	28					35	12	6	9 25	5 04	4 20	4 20	3 20	56				
Kenyon						29	3	32		1	1	1	10	68	6	9 25	4 60	3 75	3 75	1 80	36				
Kenyon, Prairie and Pleasant Grove.....						17		17					7	23	7	8 10	3 24	2 70	2 70	1 80					
Carroll						23	3	26	1	1	1	1	10	61	7	9 00	3 60	3 00	3 00	2 00	40				
Warren and Cortland						23		23	1	1	2	1	10	61	7	11 25	4 50	3 75	3 75	2 50	50				
Youngstown						23	1	24	1	1	2	1	18	140	20	18 90	9 66	6 30	6 30	2 30	84				
Guiggs and Steamburg						25	1	26	1	1	2	1	10	70	6	10 35	4 14	3 45	3 45	2 30	48				
Davis and Howard						24	2	26			1	1	9	30	6	10 80	4 32	3 60	3 60	2 40	48				
Toledo District																									
J. A. Hopkins, District Elder																									
Toledo						30	11	41	1	1	1	1	16	54	5	14 40	5 76	4 80	4 80	3 20	64				
Holland and Monclova.....						52	2	54	2	1			23	100	19	23 85	5 54	7 96	4 80	3 20	1 08				
Bethel						16		16					6	30	2	11 25	4 70	2 25	2 25	1 80	50				
Celina						24	1	25					9	10	4	14 55	2 04	4 60	4 60	1 80	30				
Brumansburg						15	2	17					1	31	4	6 75	2 70	2 25	2 25	1 80	66				
North Baltimore, Deshler and Bowling Green						27	4	31	1				8	35	6	14 40	5 76	4 80	4 80	3 20	64				
Chicago						3		3					1	12	2	1 35	5 54	4 45	4 45	3 20	06				
Mansfield						21	1	22	1	1	1	1	9	45	5	9 90	3 96	3 30	3 30	2 20	44				
Gallion and West Point						18		18					10	60	7	8 10	3 24	2 70	2 70	1 60	36				
Kiefersville						11		11	1	2	1	1	6	21	3	7 20	2 88	2 40	2 40	1 60	32				
Hume, Cridersville and Lima....						26	3	29	3				15	60	6	9 45	3 78	3 15	3 15	2 10	42				

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SUMMERFIELD, ATHENS AND COLUMBUS DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER														Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claims	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Entertainment General Conference
Summerfield District																													
J. W. Headley, District Elder																													
Summerfield, Tabor and East Union.....	40	1	41	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	19 80	7 92	6 60	6 60	4 40	88													
Zanesville and Mt. Sterling.....	81	19	100	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	28 35	11 34	9 45	9 45	6 30	1 23													
Byesville, Seneca and Mineral Siding.....	56	2	58	2	1	1	1	1	1	6	25 65	10 26	8 55	8 55	5 70	1 14													
Saranusville, Perryopolis & Olive Hill's Chapel and Hill Grove....	83	20	103	2	1	1	1	1	1	12	31 05	12 40	10 35	10 35	6 80	1 38													
	28	2	30	2	1	1	1	1	1	7	13 50	5 40	4 50	4 50	3 00	60													
Athens District																													
J. W. Headley, District Elder																													
Laurel Cliff and Hysell Run....	52	39	91	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	10 20	6 45	5 40	5 40	3 60	72													
Hollister and Mt. Carmel.....	28	1	29	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	10 80	4 35	3 60	3 60	2 40	48													
Athens and Stroud's Run.....	57	11	68	2	1	1	1	1	1	18	18 45	7 33	6 15	6 15	4 10	82													
Columbus District																													
J. W. Headley, District Elder																													
Columbus.....	30	3	33	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	14 85	5 94	4 95	4 95	3 30	66													
New Albany.....	8	2	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	4 05	1 62	1 35	1 35	90	18													
Dugan Valley.....	8	2	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	4 50	1 80	1 50	1 50	1 00	20													
Dayton.....	8	2	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	5 40	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 20	24													
Clark G. Gayle, supply.	8	2	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	5 40	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 20	24													
Levi Hochstetler	4	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....								
Total.....	1067	155	1222	27	19	54	371	2183	261	\$ 461 00	\$186 33	\$153 60	\$153 60	\$102 40	\$ 19 98														

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CLEVELAND AND TOLEDO DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Mission- ary Claim	Woman's For- eign Missionary Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
Cleveland District															
Cleveland and Mt. Pleasant.....	\$ 38 00	\$ 162 64	\$ 3 81	\$ 2 65	\$ 171 64	\$ 3 70	\$ 910 00	\$ 180 00	\$ 160 00	\$ 52 80	1	\$ 5000	1	\$ 2000
Rocky River and Bennett's Corners.....	8 86	.....	.....	.....	1 60	329 00	96 00	48 00	.....	1	3200	1	1000
Akron.....	44 41	.....	.....	67 41	1 00	329 71	200 00	48 41	18 00	1	2500	1	2500
Kent.....	42 05	2 50	3 05	41 60	1 25	372 70	60 00	50 40	.....	1	1250	1	800
Big Prairie and Pleasant Grove.....	52 20	.....	.....	20 00	1 60	328 00	72 00	50 00	.....	1	3000	1	1600
Canton.....	28 20	.....	.....	74 83	1 10	602 19	.....	56 73	41 15	1	2500	1	2500
Warren and Cortland.....	28 00	.....	.....	24 00	1 25	390 35	120 00	110 12	.....	1	3500	1	1800
Youngstown.....	5 21	168 34	.....	.....	100 51	2 10	825 00	180 00	136 98	30 00	1	2500	1	2000
Griggs and Stearns.....	3 00	15 00	2 36	35 00	1 15	305 71	60 00	60 50	.....	1	1400	1	600
Davis and Howard.....	5 00	.....	.....	18 00	1 20	101 15	.....	55 09	8 80	1	2000	.....	.....
Toledo District															
Toledo.....	24 81	94 77	.....	.....	41 38	1 60	512 08	150 00	88 03	.....	1	3000	1	1800
Holland and Monclova.....	83 19	.....	5 91	108 40	2 65	618 21	100 00	85 91	.....	1	2800	1	1500
Delta.....	5 00	1 25	50 00	50 00	25 49	.....	1	2000	1	1700
Bethel.....	8 10	.....	153 63	.....	52 00	.....	1	600	.....	.....
Celina.....	32 34	1 65	469 00	.....	71 00	.....	1	1000	.....	.....
Brunersburg.....	15 00	75	35 47	.....	41 00	2 86	1	.....	.....	.....
North Baltimore, Deshler and Bowling Green.....	28 00	.....	.....	26 00	1 60	311 57	24 00	138 38	23 00	1	3600	2	1500
Chicago.....	1 00	.....	.....	30 00	1 15	53 36	.....	.....	.....	1	1500	1	1500
Mansfield.....	1 00	.....	.....	31 95	1 10	200 00	.....	63 82	.....	1	1500	1	1000
Gallion and West Point.....	6 00	.....	.....	35 51	1 80	382 00	72 00	50 00	.....	1	1500	1	1000
Kiersville.....	13 65	132 00	.....	1 00	18 91	80	358 45	84 00	49 00	6 82	1	200	1	500
Hume, Cridersville and Lima.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	23 86	1 05	316 63	50 00	69 23	8 72	1	1500	1	500

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OHIO CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

SUMMERFIELD, ATHENS AND COLUMBUS DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Mission- ary Claim	Woman's For- eign Missionary Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
Summerfield District															
Summerfield, Tabor and East Union	21 30	34 60	..	..	6 83	2 20	319 60	60 00	48 00	12 78	3	4100	1	1100
Zanesville and Mt. Sterling	200 00	1 00	5 80	124 35	3 15	680 56	150 00	75 48	16 89	1	1500	1	1000
Byesville, Seneca and Mineral Siding	25 00	2 10	1 50	53 00	2 85	532 43	..	51 58	5 00	3	2500	..	..
Sarabsville, Perryopolis & Olive Hall's Chapel and Hill Grove...	..	16 00	33 36	..	..	114 28	2 43	407 48	60 00	76 96	..	..	2000	1	750
..	13 77	1 50	216 44	..	50 00	..	..	1200	..	..
Athens District															
Laurel Cliff and Hysell Run...	10 00	..	..	55 83	1 80	751 86	50 00	70 00	10 00	2	2000	1	900
Hollister and Mt. Carmel	43 97	1 20	221 40	120 00	45 00	..	..	1100	1	1500
Athens and Stroud's Run.....	140 00	..	..	75 00	2 05	600 00	..	90 00	135 00	2	3000	..	..
Columbus District															
Columbus	45 00	..	1 50	37 84	1 65	447 15	100 00	67 00	..	1	3000	..	..
New Albany	15 00	..	..	..	4 62	45	87 43	..	..	10 00	1	1000	..	..
Dugan Valley	18 51	50	139 85	..	27 50	..	..	..	..	..
Dayton	5 00	..	..	15 50	60	158 15	..	31 77	18 05	1	800	..	..
Newark	13 64	..	352 97	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	\$143 97	\$ 1422 66	\$ 24 41	\$ 23 77	\$1456 38	\$51 30	\$13583 72	\$2038 00	\$2103 26	\$ 399 97	51	\$ 67850 23	\$ 27850	..

WEST KANSAS CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirtieth Annual Session, held at Mankato, Kansas, August 21-25, 1912

OFFICERS

B. WINGET, *President*

J. E. OVERHOLT, <i>Secretary</i>	A. E. GROTHAUS, <i>Assistant Secretary</i>
H. B. SUTTON, <i>Treasurer</i>	A. E. GROTHAUS, <i>Auditor</i>

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—B. Winget, C. H. Malin, C. H. Chase, E. R. Grout.
On Nominations—C. H. Chase, C. H. Malin, A. J. Lunsford, Walter Stevens,
H. B. Sutton.
On Sunday-schools—C. W. Long, F. P. Woodward, May Helsel.
On Reforms—John Walton, A. J. Lunsford, J. B. Hargadine, Josephine Bates.
On Publications—D. N. Bowers, F. P. Woodward, Tryphena Neal.
On Education—W. E. Keasling, C. W. Long, Alice Cork.
On Charities—F. R. Vosburg, Charles Mitchell, J. E. Welker.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—D. N. Bowers, W. E. Keasling.,
To Solicit Funds for Publishing the Minutes—Florence Archer, Mildred May-
nard.
On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.
On Complimentary Resolutions—Francis M. R. Willard, J. E. Overholt.
On Conference Claims and Claimants—B. Winget, C. H. Malin, C. H. Chase,
Walter Stevens, A. C. Anderson.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

H. B. Sutton, five years; J. A. Melrose, four years; C. H. Malin, treasurer, three years; C. H. Chase, president, two years; J. E. Overholt, secretary, one year.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

H. B. Sutton, term expires, 1917; John Walton, term expires 1916; C. H. Malin, term expires 1915; C. H. Chase, president, term expires 1914; J. E. Overholt, secretary, term expires 1913.

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY BOARD

C. H. Malin, president; C. H. Chase; J. E. Overholt, secretary; A. C. Anderson, treasurer; H. D. Archer.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

C. W. Long, president; A. J. Lunsford, secretary; H. B. Sutton, treasurer;
Charles Mitchell, A. C. Anderson.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Reforms—C. W. Long,
On Education—D. N. Bowers,
 On Charities—Charles Mitchell.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions (25 cents), Permanent Fund; second quarter, General Missions, Church Extension Fund; third quarter, Bishops'

Salaries, General Conference Entertainment, Foreign Missions; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. Viola Helsel, Pratt, Kansas; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Adah M. Archer, Densmore, Kansas; recording secretary, Miss Hattie Grout, Mankato, Kansas; treasurer, Mrs. Gertrude T. Everley, 117 West 13th street, Concordia, Kansas; superintendent of Junior work, Mrs. Ozil-line Tanner, Logan, Kansas.

ADDRESSES

Conference secretary, J. E. Overholt, 336 West 5th street, Concordia, Kansas.
Conference treasurer, H. B. Sutton, Sharon, Kansas.
Conference auditor, A. E. Grothaus, Osborne, Kansas.
Conference Sunday-school secretaries, G. J. Archer, Densmore, Kansas; C. H. Clark, Kingsdown, Kansas.
Treasurer of conference missionary board, A. C. Anderson, Macksville, Kansas.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

C. H. Chase,
Charles Mitchell,
J. E. Overholt,
John Walton,
C. W. Long,
J. W. Norris,
G. Delimont,
W. H. Cook.

C. H. Malin,
W. F. Cook,
A. J. Lunsford,
W. E. Keasling,
H. B. Sutton,
D. N. Bowers,
A. E. Lathrop,

J. B. Hargadine,
F. R. Vosburgh,
E. P. Robb,
D. A. Heck,
A. Helsel,
F. P. Woodward,
A. E. Grothaus,

[Woman evangelist having a seat in conference, Josephine Bates.]

DELEGATES

A. C. Anderson,
Clara Poole,
Alice Tibbetts,
Alice Cork,
Harry D. Archer,
Ida B. Malin,

W. H. Hicks,
Walter Stevens,
May Helsel,
J. A. Melrose,
Hannah B. Long,
A. J. Wallace,

Francis M. R. Willard
J. E. Welker,
Robert Wilson,
Tryphena Neal,
J. B. Brown,
Mahlon Grothaus.

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. Winget, C. H. Malin, C. H. Chase, Walter Stevens, A. C. Anderson.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Francis M. R. Willard, A. C. Archer; A. C. Tanner, on a certificate of recommendation from the Oil City conference.

4. Who remain on trial? Baxter Kier; J. A. Holtsclaw.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? A. E. Grothaus, A. E. Lathrop, W. H. Cook.

6. Who are the deacons? A. J. Lunsford, D. A. Heck, J. B. Hargadine, W. E. Keasling, D. N. Bowers, *A. E. Grothaus, *A. E. Lathrop, *W. H. Cook.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? F. R. Vosburgh.

8. None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? A. Helsel, W. F. Cook.

*Ordained this year.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? G. Delimont, E. P. Robb.
11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? F. P. Woodward, an elder from the North Minnesota conference; A. C. Tanner, on trial, from the Oil City conference.
- 12, 13. None.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.
15. None.
- 16-20. See statistical report.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers? E. P. Robb, \$45.
- 22, 23. Nothing.
24. See appointments.
25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At Kinsley, Kansas, not earlier than the second, nor later than the third, week of August, 1913.

APPOINTMENTS

MANKATO DISTRICT—C. H. CHASE, District Elder, Osborne, Kansas

Mankato.....E. R. Grout, supply, Mankato, Kansas

Lebanon and White Eagle.....A. J. Lunsford, Lebanon. "

Osborne and New Eden.....A. E. Grothaus, Alice R. Grothaus, Osborne. "

Beloit.....A. E. Lathrop, Beloit. "

Glen Elder and North Fairview.....F. P. Woodward, R. F. D., No. 3, Glen Elder. "

Concordia and Cuba...J. E. Overholt, 336 West Fifth street, Concordia. "

Lincoln and Wilson.....Fanny M. Heck, supply, Lincoln, "

W. F. Cook, supernumerary; E. P. Robb, Brawley, California, superannuated; D. A. Heck, Lincoln, Kansas, supernumerary; Baxter Kier, 829 East Fifth street, Concordia, Kansas, left without appointment and continued on trial at his own request; C. H. Chase, member of Mankato district quarterly conference.

ALMENA DISTRICT—C. H. CHASE, District Elder

Almena.....D. N. Bowers, Carrie Bowers, supply, Almena, Kansas

Logan and Cactus.....A. C. Tanner, Ozilline Tanner, supply, Logan, "

Densmore.....John Walton, Densmore, "

Plainville.....W. H. Cook, Plainville. "

Lenora and Penokee.....A. C. Archer, Winona. "

G. Delimont, Long Island, Kansas, superannuated.

MACKSVILLE DISTRICT—C. H. MALIN, District Elder, Macksville, Kansas

Macksville and St. John.....J. B. Hargadine, Macksville, Kansas

Sharon and Mound Center.....H. B. Sutton, Sharon, "

Kingman and Cleveland.....Francis M. R. Willard, Kingman, "

Eden Valley, Pratt, and White Frame Church.....W. E. Keasling, R. D., Route 1, Tuka, "

Kinsley, Trotter and Jewel.....Charles Mitchell, Kinsley, "

Mullinville, Bethany and Bucklin.....F. R. Vosburgh, Mullinville, "

A. Helsel, Pratt, Kansas, supernumerary; C. H. Malin, member of Macksville district quarterly conference.

NESS CITY DISTRICT—C. H. MALIN, District Elder

Beeler.....	C. W. Long, Beeler, Kansas
Beulah, Dinas and Lone Star.....	Josephine Bates, supply, Dinas, "
Winona, Page and Runyon.....	J. A. Holtsclaw, Winona, "
Santa Fe, Mertilla and Missler....	E. G. Marsh and Frank McGraw, supplies
Arkalon and LaFayette.....	J. W. Norris, Liberal, Kansas

LOCAL ELDERs

Cyrus Archer.....	Densmore, Kansas	J. M. Young.....	Almena, Kansas
	B. F. Closson.....		Rago, Kansas

LOCAL DEACONS

W. E. Keener.....	Sharon, Kansas	H. Lovette.....	Kinsley, Kansas
A. C. Archer.....	Winona, "	Sherman Archer, R. D., Route 3, Logan, Kansas	

LOCAL PREACHERS

George Snow.....	Almena, Kansas	J. B. Brown, R. D., Route 3, Glen Elder, Kansas	
Evan James.....	Natoma, "	C. H. Clark.....	Kingsdown, Kansas
E. J. Watkins.....	Seymour, "	A. Sweet.....	Cawker City, "
J. W. Harris.....	Nashville, "	E. G. Marsh	
E. R. Grout.....	Mankato, "	Frank McGraw	
T. Kingsolver.....	Sharon, "	W. H. Sides, R. D., Route 3, Logan, Kansas	
W. W. LeRue.....	Englewood, "		

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Anna R. Turner, Kinsley, Kansas	Mrs. Viola Helsel.....Pratt, Kansas
Mrs. Janie Patto...Almena, "	Mrs. Josephine Bates..Dinas, "
Mrs. Carrie Bowers..Almena, "	Mrs. Josephia Hill, Cawker City, Kan- sas
Salina Delimont..Long Island, "	
Mrs. Alice R. Grothaus, Osborn, Kan- sas	Mrs. Fanny Martin Heck, Lincoln, Kansas

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Belle Marstellar, R. D., Route 1, Monument, Kansas	Alsina Marihugh.....	Beloit, Kansas
Mrs. Mary S. Stone, R. D., Route 1, Randall, Kansas	Lizzie Byers.....	Sharon, "
	Mrs. Lorinda Baer	
	Mrs. Ozilline Tanner...	Logan, Kansas

MISCELLANEOUS

The thirtieth annual session of the West Kansas conference was held at Mankato, Kansas, August 21-25, 1912. While previous sessions have been very harmonious, the spirit of love and unity seemed to prevail to a greater degree than ever before. Truly the brethren let the peace of God rule in their hearts, and it brought peace and blessing to every sitting. Though greatly disappointed in not being privileged to meet our beloved Bishop Hogue again, all felt his choice of B. Winget to preside in his stead, was a most excellent one, and

Brother Winget was given a hearty welcome. His addresses on "Evangelism" were clear, pointed and timely, and much appreciated.

At the Sunday afternoon missionary service Brother Winget spoke concerning Santo Domingo, and over \$150 in cash and pledges was given to aid in building a home for our missionaries there. Rev. L. G. Lewis, newly elected principal of Orleans Seminary, was with us a few days, and a goodly sum was pledged for the support of the school. A little over \$50 was raised for Rev. S. V. Coe, to help him in his work in the Life Line Mission at Kansas City, Kansas.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society raised \$667.60 during the year. The general missionary board was asked for appropriations as follows: Beeler, \$75; Beulah, Dinas and Lone Star, \$30; Plainville, \$20.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$88.80.
 PERMANENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$29.60.
 CHURCH EXTENSION FUND—Assessed and paid, \$59.20.
 BISHOP'S SALARIES—Assessed and paid, \$106.56.
 CLAIMANTS' FUND—Assessed and paid, \$266.40.
 CONFERENCE MISSIONS—\$127.00.
 FOREIGN MISSIONS—\$18.11.
 CHILDREN'S FUND—\$22.90.
 EDUCATIONAL FUND—\$5.31.
 FOR PUBLISHING THE MINUTES—\$31.50.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON EDUCATION

There is no longer much question as to the importance of education. We have learned that the full stature of manhood and womanhood cannot be reached without it. This is also an age of specialized education. To excel along any line of endeavor means special training for it. So the question is not so much, "Shall we be educated?" as, "What kind of education shall we have?" An old proverb says, "We learn not for school, but for life." Then the training best suited to our needs is that which best equips us to live; and as our lives are to be spent in two very different worlds, we ought to have the training calculated to qualify us for usefulness in both. Christian education—"education for character"—solves the problem, character being the only asset common to both worlds.

To-day's great need is education based on transformation of the heart; thus training conscience and inculcating right principles; education fitting the individual to give the largest, noblest to his fellow-men here, and to enjoy the society of his God hereafter.

The first four words of the Bible are, "In the beginning God." One has said our motto in educational work should be, "In the beginning God." Knowledge of God is the proper foundation for a knowledge of His created world. As intimate acquaintance with an author gives a better understanding of his works, so we may more intelligently pursue studies relative to nature if we have a knowledge of nature's God and His plans. To eliminate God and His Word from education is to throw away the key of knowledge. The wise man says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

Thus the first essential of true education is knowledge of God. The foundation should be laid in the home very early. It is said that a child's first intelligent lesson should be of God. On this point the Holy Scriptures give

excellent instruction: "Thou shalt teach them [God's laws] diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house and on thy gates." Would this instruction were generally followed. What a wholesome atmosphere it would create for the growth and development of the young.

Then as the youth advances to higher studies, how fitting that he should consider each in the light of its relation to God and His great plan. God created the heavenly bodies and placed them in their courses before man worked out the science of astronomy. He knew the structure and composition of the earth long before man studied geology. The beauties of His workmanship have ever been the inspiration of artists and poets. His hand is easily traceable in the history of nations, and before metaphysicians set forth the laws of being, He had created man in His own image.

In the beginning of every study, be it art, literature, history, or scientific research, is God. But in our public schools and higher institutions of learning God is neither in beginning or end. He is not in all their thoughts. They are not only non-Christian, but aggressively anti-Christian. Modernism, atheism and other poisonous doctrines are boldly taught; God's word is subjected to the severest criticism, and every institution dear to the Christian heart is openly scoffed.

We believe we imperil the souls of our young people when we send them to these institutions, and that the only safe place for them—the only place where they may become truly educated, is in schools distinctively Christian. And none are better than those of our own denomination. Our people should patronize our schools.

It is said that an education under Socrates or Plato was that which brought the student to think, judge and act, as far as possible, like his master, and saturated him with his master's spirit. Let us educate our children under such influences that they shall be saturated with the spirit of the divine Master, and so imbued with His principles as to act like Him.

Now a word to the ministry. The scripture says, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." God nowhere places a premium on ignorance. Holy men and women should be the most intelligent on earth. The mechanic may do more work if he first takes time to sharpen his tools. And God's workmen may do more by being "thoroughly furnished unto every good work." Surely in so important and responsible a work as soul-saving, God is pleased to have skilled workmen. The devil has an educated ministry. Shall not God have one also? Our ministers occupy themselves first with those studies outlined in the Discipline. We fear many pursue these with a wrong view, and in a wrong manner. We should study not for examination, but for life; not for ordination, but for service.

If they better equip us for the vineyard service, the sooner and more thoroughly we master them, the better for our ministry. After these are completed, we shall find many other profitable ones. We should also keep abreast of current thought, in order that, if it be truth to teach it, if it be error to combat it. Many of us have not obtained much education in schools, nevertheless we may become truly educated. Bishop Pearce, in an article written a few years ago, said, "Many a man has constructed a college for himself by making the most of the helps arounds him, and has climbed up out of the place where ignorance has sway, and bidden farewell to her forever."

Finally, brethren, let us ever keep in mind Paul's masterly summing up of a Christian education: "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think [study] on these things."

II.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS

One of the most important branches of church work is the Sunday-school. It is a great factor in the hands of God in molding character and fashioning lives to His will and purposes. To successfully carry on this great work demands the consideration of some essential things.

One is cooperation and proper organization. No great work ever happens to be successful. Success on any line comes from the organized efforts of interested workers. We need not less organization, but more willing, consecrated workers. While we cannot adopt every modern method, we can have the organized departments, together with a well organized Sunday-school board, which will prove a benefit and blessing to any school.

Again, the Sunday-school cannot do its great work unless properly equipped. We think our publishing house furnishes as good literature, maps, black-boards, etc., as can be bought anywhere, and our schools should speedily secure what they need for effective work. But it has been said that equipment alone, though of the very best, does not make the Sunday-school a success, but success depends largely on the teacher. We agree to this, and are convinced that if success depends on the teacher, that teacher needs special qualifications other than a personal Christian experience. Recognizing this fact, our general conference has prepared what is called the teacher's training course, containing three excellent books; one on systematic Bible study, one on the history of our church, and one on "The Pupil, and How to Teach Him." These books ought to be studied by every teacher and member of the Sunday-school, and classes organized wherever practicable.

III.—ON PUBLICATIONS

Literature is one of the social forces molding character and manners in common with other great social forces. We ought therefore to give heed to what we and our families read. The public press is a power for both good and evil. The devil is using it to circulate pernicious literature that poisons the mind and debases the morals of those who read it. People are reading and thinking for themselves. Every home contains some kind of literature. In cities, villages, and public schools, are free libraries containing many books not fit for the young to read. In view of this fact it is time that we, as parents, awake to the awful evil and guard our homes against that kind of reading which will poison the mind and lower the morals of our children. It is our duty as Christians and as a church to put wholesome books and papers in the hands and homes of the people. We are thankful God has given our church a good, well-furnished publishing house to promote this blessed work—a place where we can get the very best literature obtainable.

We urge all our people to patronize our publishing house, and as fast as they can, to fill their libraries with good reading for their children. As Christians, we should make a careful study of the Bible—the holy of holies in all literature. We recommend that our people study the biographies of good men as Finney, Wesley, Carvosso and Roberts. The *Free Methodist* should be in every home, and we recommend that our preachers do their very best to extend its circulation.

The *Missionary Tidings* is doing most excellent work in arousing interest in foreign work. Our Sunday-school literature is the very best published, and we recommend its introduction into all the places possible.

We recommend our people as a whole to subscribe for the *Life Line*, published by S. V. Coe, in the interest of Life Line Mission at Kansas City, Kansas. Also the *Olive Branch*, published in the interest of Olive Branch Mission at Chicago.

In conclusion, we urge our people to carefully guard what they read, for as one reads, so will he think.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST KANSAS CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claim-ants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Mis-sions Claims	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Entertainment General Conference
Mankato District																
Mankato.....	C. H. Malin, District Elder	26	1	27	1	1	2	13	40	8	\$ 11 70	\$ 4 08	\$ 6 50	\$ 3 90	\$ 2 00	\$ 1 04
Lebanon and New Eden.....	E. R. Grout, supply	36	5	41	2	1	2	13	33	8	11 70	4 08	6 50	3 90	2 60	52
Smith Center and White Eagle.....	Baxter Kier	16	5	21	2	1	1	8	50	8	7 86	3 24	.....	2 70	.....	.....
Osborne.....	A. E. Grothaus, Alice R. Grothaus, supply	33	5	38	1	1	1	8	35	4	15 75	6 30	8 75	5 25	3 50	1 40
Beloit.....	A. E. Jattrop	32	3	35	1	1	1	12	40	4	12 15	4 86	6 75	4 05	3 70	1 08
Glen Elder and North Fairview.....	D. Hick, supply	24	2	26	2	1	1	7	25	6	13 05	5 22	7 25	4 35	2 90	1 16
Concordia and Cuba.....	J. E. Overholt	17	2	19	1	1	1	5	30	8	8 50	3 60	5 00	3 00	2 00	40
Lincoln and Wilson.....	C. H. Malin	16	.....	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	4 74	3 78	.....	3 15	2 10	84
Almena District																
Almena.....	C. H. Malin, District Elder	23	.....	23	2	3	1	8	25	5	9 75	4 86	6 75	4 05	2 70	54
Logan, Cactus and Victor.....	D. N. Bowers, Carrie Bowers, supply	44	7	51	1	2	2	9	58	9	18 45	7 34	10 25	6 15	4 10	82
Densmore.....	John C. Tanner, supply	38	5	43	1	1	1	13	75	9	14 45	5 08	8 35	4 39	3 50	1 32
Pianville.....	W. H. Cook	17	5	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	2 33	1 23	2 50	2 10	1 40	28
Lenora and Penokee.....	Sherman Archer, supply	14	.....	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mackville District																
Mackville, St. John, Great Bend.....	C. H. Chase, District Elder	30	7	37	.....	.....	2	9	34	9	15 65	6 20	8 75	5 25	3 50	1 40
Eden Valley, Pratt, etc.....	H. B. Sutton	34	.....	34	3	1	2	13	70	9	18 55	7 38	10 25	6 15	4 10	1 64
Mount Center, Sharon, Kingman.....	W. E. Keasing	49	1	50	5	1	3	120	7	20 25	8 10	11 25	11 25	6 75	4 50	1 90
Kinsley, Trotter and Jewell.....	J. B. Haugadine	20	2	22	1	3	1	12	60	8	6 75	2 70	4 00	2 25	1 50	.....
Mullinville, Bethany, Bucklin.....	Charles Mitchell	40	9	49	3	1	1	8	60	15	17 55	7 02	9 75	5 85	3 90	1 56
Ness City District																
Beeler, Jetmore and Pendennis.....	C. H. Chase, District Elder	20	2	22	.....	.....	1	7	36	4	9 45	3 75	5 25	3 15	2 10	42
Beulah, Dinias and Lone Star.....	C. W. Long	32	9	41	1	1	1	15	75	4	5 78	3 78	.....	3 15	2 10	.....
Winona, Page and Runyon.....	Mrs. Josephine Bates, supply	22	.....	22	2	1	3	.....	.....	6	7 93	5 40	6 00	4 00	3 00	1 20
Meritilla and Santa Fe.....	Arthur Archer, supply	24	4	28	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1 68	1 62	.....	1 35	3 90	.....
Aberea and Calaverite.....	J. W. Howard	4	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 08	1 83	.....	1 80	2 80	6 56
From Orleans College Fund.....	J. W. Norris	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....		580	72	652	21	13	28	176	926	135	\$ 266 40	\$106 56	\$127 00	\$ 88 80	\$ 59 20	\$ 23 68

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST KANSAS CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Mission- ary Claim	Woman's For- eign Missionary Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
Mankato District															
Mankato		\$ 5 16	\$ 31 30	\$	\$	\$ 30 00	\$ 1 30	\$ 395 05	\$ 120 00	\$ 57 35	\$ 33 10	1	\$ 1000	1	\$ 800
Lebanon and New Eden		50	31 25	..	5 68	50 50	1 30	500 00	84 00	66 65	34 00	2	4500	1	800
Smith Center and White Eagle		50	1 16	..	3 14	24 74	90	125 65	..	45 32	33 09	1	2000	1	..
Osborne	20 00	..	..	16 94	1 75	271 91	96 00	49 53	35 47	1	1000	1	1400
Beloit	33 75	1 35	523 00	100 00	62 33	39 75	1	3800	1	1000
Glen Elder and North Fairview		7 00	3 00	..	50	14 92	1 45	132 00	60 00	30 79	27 00	1	900	1	800
Concordia and Cuba	1 50	17 03	1 00	394 00	96 00	52 02	7 00	2	2000	2	2200
Lincoln and Wilson	1 03	..	..	33 50	..	1	1000	2	1500
Almena District															
Almena	8 30	..	..	19 08	1 35	221 48	24 00	42 14	18 50	1	1000	1	500
Logan, Cactus and Victor	36 19	2 56	..	35 68	2 05	309 20	100 00	53 28	..	1	1000	1	1500
Densmore	33 82	..	3 10	45 58	1 65	301 10	80 00	45 97	11 55	1	1000	1	1000
Plainville	8 65	..	..	..	45	108 04	72 00	27 39	5 00	..	..	1	1000
Lenora and Penokee	70	39 97	..	32 75	1 40	..	..	1	700
Macksville District															
Macksville, St. John, Great Bend	66 75	50	..	..	1 75	406 55	144 00	97 49	77 31	1	2200	1	2400
Eden Valley, Pratt, etc.		7 25	44 00	75	1 39	25 57	2 05	464 64	90 00	78 00	24 37	2	2000	1	1200
Mound Center, Sharon	2 17	59 37	2 25	430 00	84 00	80 12	47 00	2	2200	2	1800
Kinsley, Trofter and Jewel	22 50	..	18 17	75	1 75	400 00	120 00	61 00	17 70	..	..	..	..
Mullinville, Bethany, Bucklin		12 45	..	1 00	7 31	16 00	1 95	710 45	126 00	80 29	5 70	3	3600	2	2000
Neosho City District															
Beeler, Tennessee and Poodennip		5 00	..	..	..	9 00	1 05	242 24	36 00	22 79	..	..	..	1	800
Beulah, Dinas and Lone Star	2 75	..	..	..	1 50	40 74	..	12 03	35	1	1000	1	..
Winona, Page and Runyon	14 58	..	..	19 50	1 50	257 50	96 00	49 53	9 75	..	..	1	900
Mertilla and Santa Fe	1 50	231 51	..	35 97	9 40	..	..	..	..
Liberal and LaFayette	45	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
From Orleans College Fund
From Treasurer's report		18 11	..	50	22 90	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
From Pastor's reports		19 25	..	..	1 89	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Value Mankato Dist. Parsonage	1200
Total		\$ 37 36	\$ 324 25	\$ 5 31	\$ 24 79	\$ 427 28	\$ 29 60	\$ 5535 53	\$ 1422 00	\$ 986 24	\$ 437 44	21	\$ 29100	21	\$ 23500

Note: Rent Mankato Dist. Parsonage, \$100.

IOWA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirty-ninth Annual Session, held at Rose Hill, Iowa, September 4-8, 1912

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President*

W. W. VINSON, *Secretary* C. L. MANNING, *Assistant Secretary*

R. B. RALLS, *Statistical Secretary* F. M. SMITH, *Treasurer*

W. J. TRIMBLE, *Sunday-school Secretary*

COMMITTEES

On Publications—W. W. Vinson, W. S. Scalf, F. M. Roberts.

On Reforms—E. N. Miller, L. Mendenhall, G. W. Holmes.

On State of the Work—E. A. Clark, E. N. Miller, C. I. Tenney.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—H. N. Dickson, O. E. Gaffin.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Home Missions—The stationing committee.

On Sunday-schools—W. J. Trimble, M. Hardsocg, T. M. Fenwick.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—T. J. Fuller.

On Education—H. A. Dalrymple, F. C. Behner, C. R. Springer.

On Ministerial Relations—E. N. Miller, E. A. Clark, F. M. Roberts, O. E. Gaffin.

On Complimentary Resolutions—G. E. Lair, G. M. Nason, A. L. DeWees.

On Charities—E. N. Miller, L. Mendenhall, Kathryn Ralls.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

G. A. Anderson, six years; H. A. Dalrymple, five years; C. L. Manning, four years; W. W. Vinson, secretary, three years; T. M. Fenwick, two years; E. N. Miller, one year.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

W. W. Vinson, president; O. E. Gaffin, secretary, F. M. Roberts, treasurer; T. M. Fenwick, W. S. Scalf.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

L. Mendenhall, secretary, term expires 1917; G. A. Anderson, president, term expires 1913; F. M. Roberts, treasurer, term expires 1916; S. Freeman, term expires 1914; C. I. Tenney, term expires 1915.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Kathryn Butler Ralls, Newton, Iowa; recording secretary, Belle Vinson, 803 Wabash avenue, Ottumwa, Iowa; corresponding secretary, Lillian Manning, 2015 Mondamin avenue, Des Moines, Iowa; treasurer, Alberta Mendenhall, Fairfield, Iowa; superintendent of Junior work, Cora Smith, Fairfield, Iowa.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions (15 cents), Church Extension (10 cents), Entertainment General Conference (2 cents); second quarter, Home Missions (15 cents), Permanent Fund (5 cents); third quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Delegates' Expenses to General Conference (4 cents); fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

W. C. Thompson,
J. W. White,
J. S. Booton,
T. M. Fenwick,
E. A. Clark,
C. L. Manning,
F. C. Behner,
G. E. Lair,

L. Mendenhall,
W. W. Vinson,
A. N. Kennedy,
G. G. Booton,
H. A. Dalrymple,
F. M. Smith,
H. N. Dickson,
S. L. Gilkison,

E. N. Miller,
G. A. Anderson,
W. J. Trimble,
W. S. Scalf,
R. B. Ralls,
E. F. Samuelson,
T. J. Fuller,
D. C. Eddy.

DELEGATES

G. W. Holmes,
O. E. Gaffin,
C. I. Tenney,
Melissa Shinn,
S. Freeman,
J. W. Berkey,

A. L. DeWees,
Wm. Shull,
Clara Ingersoll,
M. Hardsocg,
Alberta Mendenhall,
G. M. Mason.

F. M. Roberts,
W. E. Hepker,
J. L. Riley,
C. R. Springer,
Edith Curl,

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. A. Sellew, E. N. Miller, E. A. Clark, C. I. Tenney, G. W. Holmes.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? William H. McDonald, Cordelia Peterson, H. R. Eveland.

4. Who remain on trial? John Watterson, F. A. Mayfield.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? S. L. Gilkison.

6. Who are the deacons? G. G. Booton, H. N. Dickson, T. J. Fuller, G. E. Lair, S. L. Gilkison (ordained this year).

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? F. C. Behner.

8. Who have located this year? J. S. Booton.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? None.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? W. C. Thompson, L. Mendenhall, J. W. White.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? D. C. Eddy, from the West Iowa conference?

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? F. C. Behner, E. A. Clark.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? R. B. Ralls.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed, except A. N. Kennedy, whose case was referred to the district elder for further investigation.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistics.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and widows and orphans of preachers? W. C. Thompson, \$150; J. W. White, \$100.

22, 23. See statistics.

24. Where are the preachers stationed? See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? The place, left to the district elders and secretary. The time, to be as near the first Wednesday in September as consistent with the plans of the bishops.

MISCELLANEOUS

This session of the conference was held at Rose Hill, and was pleasantly entertained. The pastor, G. A. Anderson, and society, were abundant in labors, and all were pleased with their efforts.

The religious services were well attended and characterized by much freedom and power. The preaching was able and spiritual. Bishop Sellew preached six times and gave a missionary address; J. W. Whiteside, twice, and A. L. Whitcomb, W. S. Scalf, and Evangelist Alice Goodwin, once each.

Bishop Sellew was a great blessing to the conference. He presided to the satisfaction of all, and his sermons and addresses were very able, inspiring and helpful.

The reports of preachers were very encouraging. There was an encouraging gain in membership. Very little deficit was reported in conference claims, and that easily raised.

The missionary spirit was present. The W. F. M. S. reported over \$700 raised during the year, also they packed a box valued at \$38.06 at the conference, for our Japan missionaries. Following Bishop Sellew's address on Sunday afternoon, over \$200 was raised in cash and subscriptions.

APPOINTMENTS

FAIRFIELD DISTRICT—T. M. FENWICK, District Elder, Oskaloosa, Iowa
 Fairfield and Hickory Ridge....F. M. Smith, 604 Monroe street, Fairfield, Iowa
 Birmingham and Oak Grove.....W. S. Scalf, Birmingham, "
 Ottumwa.....W. W. Vinson, 803 Wabash avenue, Ottumwa, "
 BromptonTo be supplied
 Mt. Pleasant and Coalport.....To be supplied
 Eldon, White Elm and Bethel.....S. L. Gilkison, Selma, Iowa
 CentervilleCordelia Peterson, Centerville, "
 Burlington, North Hill.....F. A. Mayfield, 818 Arch street, Burlington, "
 Burlington, South Hill.....Julia Heller, supply, Burlington, "
 Burlington Mission.....C. R. Springer, Burlington, "
 BrightonTo be supplied
 Morning Sun and Columbus City.....W. H. McDonald, Morning Sun, Iowa

L. Mendenhall, J. W. White, superannuated; E. F. Samuelson, left without appointment according to paragraph 96 of the Discipline; E. A. Clark, withdrawn to join another denomination; G. A. Anderson, evangelist.

DES MOINES DISTRICT—E. N. MILLER, District Elder, Evansville, Wisconsin
 Des Moines.....C. L. Manning, 2015 Mondamin avenue, Des Moines, Iowa
 Knoxville and Peaceful Chapel.....H. N. Dickson, Knoxville, "
 Rose Hill and Oskaloosa.....D. C. Eddy, Rose Hill, "
 Barnes CityWilliam Calentine, supply, Barnes City, "
 Newton.....J. E. Fenwick, supply, Newton, "
 AckworthTo be supplied

J. S. Booton, located according to paragraph 96 of the Discipline, Newton, Iowa; F. C. Behner, withdrawn to join another denomination; R. B. Ralls, granted certificate of standing.

CEDAR RAPIDS DISTRICT—E. N. MILLER, District Elder
 Cedar Rapids.....J. A. Howard, supply, 1808 So. 8th street, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
 Marion.....W. J. Trimble, Marion, "
 Maquoketa, Iron Hill and DeWitt.....H. A. Dalrymple, Maquoketa, "
 Toddville and No. 1.....G. E. Lair, Toddville, "
 Walker and Cedar Ridge.....John Watterson, Walker, "
 Waterloo, Cedar Falls and Dunkerton.....
T. J. Fuller, 326 Linden avenue, Waterloo, "
 Waverly MissionTo be supplied

W. C. Thompson, superannuated; G. G. Booton, A. N. Kennedy, left without appointment according to paragraph 96 of the Discipline; H. R. Eveland, on trial, given certificate of standing.

LOCAL ELDERS AND DEACONS

W. E. Boger.....	Oskaloosa, Iowa	S. S. Stewart.....	Fairfield, Iowa
A. Zearing.....	Oskaloosa, "	Ira F. Beach.....	Moravia, "
H. S. Carpenter.....	Fairfield, "	F. M. Roberts.....	Rose Hill, "
J. M. Lute.....	Fairfield, "	Henry Hepker.....	Toddville, "
G. W. Holmes.....	Birmingham, "	Ivan Stowers.....	Maquoketa, "
I. H. Gorrell....		Evansville, Wisconsin	

LOCAL PREACHERS

Henry Strickland...	Centerville, Iowa	J. H. Farley.....	Ackworth, Iowa
John Bishop	Summerset, "	Frank Edison	Ottumwa, "

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Belle Vinson,	Carrie H. Miller,	Kathryn Butler Ralls.
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CONFERENCE ROLL OF PREACHERS

Year of Admission into Full Connection	Name	Year of Admission into Full Connection	Name
1878.....	W. C. Thompson	1901.....	W. S. Scalp
1881.....	L. Mendenhall	1903.....	H. A. Dalrymple
1889.....	E. N. Miller	" 1903.....	R. B. Ralls
1889.....	J. W. White	1905.....	C. L. Manning
1890.....	W. W. Vinson	1905.....	F. M. Smith
1893.....	G. A. Anderson	1906.....	E. F. Samuelson
1897.....	A. N. Kennedy	1911.....	H. N. Dickson
1898.....	W. J. Trimble	1911.....	G. E. Lair
1900.....	T. M. Fenwick	1911.....	T. J. Fuller
1900.....	G. G. Booton	1912.....	S. L. Gilkison

TREASURER'S REPORT

BISHOPS' SALARIES—	\$140.58.
GENERAL MISSIONS—	\$118.75.
CHURCH EXTENSION—	\$78.10.
PERMANENT FUND—	\$39.05.
CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—	\$351.45.
CONFERENCE MISSIONS—	\$117.15.
GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES' EXPENSES—	\$31.24.
GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—	\$15.62.
FOREIGN MISSIONS—	\$61.36.
CHILDREN'S FUND—	\$28.21.
EDUCATIONAL FUND—	\$6.75.
MISCELLANEOUS—	\$17.19.
TOTAL—	\$1,005.45.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON STATE OF THE WORK

The labor, the successes, the failures of another conference year have been woven into the history of the Iowa conference. We devoutly thank God for the victories and successes, while we deeply regret that our efforts have not been crowned with greater success.

The advancement along temporal lines, perhaps, exceeds that of the few years just past. Two new churches, one at Oskaloosa, and one at Columbus City, have been dedicated free from debt, and others repaired at some expense.

Our statistical report will show some numerical gain. We would not forget to devoutly thank God for this, but feel our success does not measure to our privilege.

As we view the condition of the work in this conference, there are some things to which our attention should be called.

The work among our young people is sadly deficient. Thoroughly saved and sanctified young people can have an influence over the unsaved young that an older person can not have, by way of demonstrating that a young person can be happy while possessing full salvation, and keeping himself unspotted from the world. We need to keep a steady hand on our young people while directing them in regular and systematic effort which shall tend to qualify them to stand erect on holy principles when they take the reins of church government.

We need to stir ourselves along lines of evangelistic and aggressive measures. If we, as a people are to excel in spiritual things, it will not grow out of carnality. If we are to rise to greater degrees of usefulness, it will not be alone because we build and equip churches, schools and orphanages, foster militant interests and perfect church machinery, but it will be because we tarry in the city of Jerusalem until we be endued with power from on high.

Our enterprise ought to call forth all the latent energies and religious enthusiasm of our people. Difficulties about ways and means are never insurmountable when the people are heartily in earnest.

We are coming to look upon our people as being divided into two chief constituencies, namely, the young and the old. A new generation is coming on, and the danger is that the story of the founding of the Free Methodist church, with its early battles and conflicts, will become a mere tradition. We hear the story, but there may be a question in some instances whether it is making the impression it ought to.

On the other hand there is a distinct danger that the past may be unduly magnified at the expense of the present, and to the lasting detriment of the future. There must be a vivid sense of the unattained, a deep consciousness of unappropriated riches in grace. We must vision the eternal. Indeed we must experience somewhat of new power, bursting from the old fountains of truth, still conscious that we are but standing on the edge of things.

Just now there is a fund in process of building, with which to buy a monument to mark the resting place of "Father Roberts." But we mistake the manner of man he was, and we do not appreciate the nature of his faith, if we think that he would be content for us to rest satisfied with the past. We believe he would have us more concerned about the future than about the past, and look for new visions of truth and new opportunities of service.

Paul says, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended, but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Now let us say at once that there are some things which cannot and ought not be forgotten. It will be to our eternal hurt if we forget the love, and loyalty to holy principle of our fathers, the high instincts, the noble aspirations, the faith and prayer which brought God so rich in blessing and power to them. Yet there are some things behind which must be forgotten. We must exercise a steadfast ability to let go in order to lay hold. We must forget past failures and chisel them into stepping stones to higher things. We must forget and forgive the past wrongs. This is no time to dwell on the worst there was in the past, but the best there is in the present. We must forget past attainments. Out of our old and worn familiarities must come new joys, new insights, new and larger unfoldings of the divine. As a conference, there is a great need of an energetic effort to go forward. May we each catch the sentiment of the poet:

"Come, O thou traveler unknown,
Whom still I hold and can not see,
My company before is gone,
And I am left alone with thee;
Alone with thee I mean to stay,
And wrestle till the break of day."

II.—ON EDUCATION

The mission of true education is to enlighten and develop the mental and moral capabilities. The mental powers are strengthened by use, and weakened by abuse, and there is need of being guided in right channels. The supreme object of education should be the building of character. Character is what God knows us to be; reputation is what men believe us to be.

There is no greater problem confronting us to-day than the question of education; and there is no nation more wide-awake than the American. Our public school compulsory system has wrought wonders in raising the standard of mental training in general. There is a great obligation devolving on parents, and that is to properly equip their children for the battlefield of life's duties and responsibilities. We believe a Christian education is the only safe equipment to combat worldly forces and make life a success. The work of state institutions is not in keeping, in many respects, with our religious views. In some instances the inspiration and authenticity of the Bible is questioned, and in many places the Bible is excluded altogether.

We, as Free Methodists, realize these perils, and have, under God's providence, established schools which are in keeping with our views. We would urge all our young people to attend one of our schools where there is a moral and spiritual atmosphere in which to move. We commend those schools which are nearest to us, viz.: Orleans, Wessington Springs and Evansville seminaries, and Greenville College. These are our schools, and we should support them by our finances, our influence and our prayers.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE IOWA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PREACHER															Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claims	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Entertainment General Conference	
Fairfield District																															
Ottumwa	E. A. Clark, District Elder															65	1	66	2	1	1	16	100	14	\$	23 40	\$ 9 37	\$ 7 80	7 80	5 20	\$ 1 04
Centerville	W. W. Vinson.															22	1	23	1	1	1	7	34	9	5	9 30	3 96	1 07	3 96	2 20	44
Hamlet	W. S. Sealf.															47	3	50	1	2	2	11	60	9	6	24 75	9 30	1 07	6 30	5 50	1 10
Coaling Port and Mt. Pleasant.	Clara Ingerson, supply.															43	3	46	1	3	2	12	90	7	20	7 65	3 45	2 10	4 00	80	
Morning Sun and Columbus City	H. N. Dickson.															26	1	27	1	1	1	6	45	8	11	18 00	7 20	6 00	6 00	4 00	50
Burlington, North Hill.	F. A. Mayfield.															23	4	27	1	1	1	1	6	45	8	11 25	4 50	3 75	2 30	82	50
Burlington, South Hill.	Julia Heller, supply.															70	4	74	1	1	1	1	6	45	8	10 35	3 37	2 80	7 20	92	50
Eldon, White Elm and Bethel.	F. C. Behner.															41	13	54	3	1	1	1	18	120	15	30 40	12 90	10 80	4 00	7 20	80
Fairfield	F. N. Smith.															41	13	54	3	1	1	1	11	70	8	18 00	7 20	6 00	4 00	7 20	80
Des Moines District																															
Des Moines	E. N. Miller, District Elder															59	7	66	2	1	1	14	182	10	22 05	9 18	7 65	7 65	5 10	1 02	
Newton	C. L. Manning.															28	10	38	1	1	1	8	40	11	9 45	4 86	4 15	4 15	2 70	54	
Knoxville	R. B. Ralls.															66	3	69	3	1	2	17	68	13	33 00	13 32	11 10	11 10	3 20	64	
Rose Hill	G. L. Gilkison.															38	5	43	3	1	2	14	100	13	14 40	5 76	3 60	3 60	1 00	80	
Ackworth	G. A. Anderson.															10	1	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	4 50	1 80	1 50	1 50	1 00	64	
Barnes City	E. N. Miller.															8	1	9	1	1	1	1	1	2	3 00	1 44	1 20	1 20	1 00	80	
Cedar Rapids District																															
Cedar Rapids and Marion.	E. N. Miller, District Elder															54	33	87	3	1	1	12	90	11	24 75	9 90	8 25	8 25	5 50	1 10	
Maquoketa and Iron Hills.	T. M. Fenwick.															61	1	62	1	1	1	23	130	9	24 75	9 90	8 25	8 25	5 50	1 10	
Waterloo and Cedar Falls.	O. H. Dalrymple.															54	12	66	1	1	1	13	114	9	14 85	5 94	4 53	4 53	3 30	90	
Toddsville and No. 1.	G. E. Larr.															32	3	35	2	1	1	17	95	7	19 35	7 74	6 45	6 45	4 30	90	
Walker and Cedar Ridge.	John Waterson															22	3	25	1	1	1	14	50	10	14 85	5 76	4 80	4 80	3 20	69	
Waverly	E. N. Miller.															5	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	2 70	1 08	1 00	1 00	60	64	
DeWitt Mission	E. N. Miller.															5	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	2 70	1 08	1 00	1 00	60	64	
Total																839	105	944	26	12	30	225	1505	171	\$ 324 10	\$ 129 58	\$ 84 77	\$ 93 20	\$ 16 92	\$ 82 30	

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE IOWA CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

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Fairfield District															
Ottumwa	\$ 2 04	\$ 7 71	\$ 99 00	\$ 2 40	\$ 3 71	\$ 46 25	\$ 2 16	\$ 546 00	\$ 132 00	\$ 111 53	\$ 6 80	1	\$ 1800	1	\$ 1500
Centerville	89					14 37	1 10	79 35	38 00	27 26		1	1000	1	1000
Birmingham	2 20		9 00	1 10		20 00	2 75	400 00	96 00	31 36	34 77	2	2500	1	1000
Coal Port and Mt. Pleasant			27 48		12 80			144 18		84 93		2	250	1	250
Morning Sun and Columbus City	1 60		11 39			31 10	2 00	425 00	60 00	69 90	29 00	2	1600	1	700
Burlington, North Hill	1 00		86 90		2 36	48 54	1 25	369 75	100 00	49 53	37 54	1	3200	1	800
Burlington, South Hill	54 72					26 59		120 00							
Eldon, White Elm and Bethel	2 06	75	50 00					450 00	40 50		52 75	2		1	800
Fairfield	1 60		58 78		1 76	45 15	2 00	450 00			52 75	2	3600	1	800
Des Moines District															
Des Moines	2 04		148 35		3 29	67 80	2 55	500 00	180 00	86 41	81 75	1	4000		
Newton	1 08		55 95		2 32	17 30	1 35	450 00	150 00	44 65	67 18	1	1500	1	1500
Knoxville	2 96	28 80	60 69	2 25	2 60	33 25	3 70	383 00	100 00	118 50	30 20	1	1000	1	1200
Rose Hill	1 28					27 67	1 60	434 35	84 00	60 74		2	3800	1	800
Ackworth	60								300 00			1	800	1	800
Barnes City	48						40	60 00		19 08	50 00	1	600	1	500
Cedar Rapids District															
Cedar Rapids and Marion	2 20		52 00		5 90	36 42		552 00	100 00	88 00	35 66	2	2000	2	1800
Maquoketa and Iron Hills	2 20	17 00	17 00	1 00	2 20	44 58	2 75	546 28	75 00	98 56	49 00	3	3000	1	800
Waterloo and Cedar Falls	1 98	52 00	5 00		2 75	60 00	1 65	594 53	140 00	92 86	49 00	2	4000	2	2000
Toddville and No. 1	1 72	6 25	28 50		4 91	40 00	2 80	425 80	60 00	72 63	20 00	2	1200	1	500
Walker and Cedar Ridge	1 28						1 60	533 00	71 00	58 00					
Waverly	1 36	30					1 10			4 50					
DeWitt Mission															
Total	\$ 84 28	\$112 81	\$ 680 04	\$ 6 75	\$ 44 60	\$ 599 39	\$29 61	\$ 7239 14	\$1456 50	\$ 960 68	\$ 647 40	31	\$ 33650	19	\$ 15450

*\$25.00 received from Missionary Board.

WABASH CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-eighth Annual Session, held at Indianapolis, Indiana, August 21-24, 1912

OFFICERS

W. T. HOGUE, *President*

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C. J. BURNETTE, *Statistical Secretary*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. T. Hogue, W. V. Miller, J. B. Lutz.

On Church Literature—C. J. Burnette, D. S. Moore, F. M. Cullison.

On Reforms—W. R. Bonham, J. L. Duval, G. E. Corson.

On State of the Work—J. B. Lutz, John A. Watson.

On Education—W. V. Miller, Osmon P. Ellis, Ethel Inman.

On Sabbath-schools—F. W. Johnson, U. S. Ferguson, G. A. Williams.

On Charities—A. F. Niswonger, S. A. Landis, William Bass.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—C. A. Fleming, E. G. Grimes, Isaac Kesler.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—W. H. Haynes.

On Complimentary Resolutions—U. G. Hoover, E. E. Robbins, G. W. Gilkison.

On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—W. T. Hogue, J. B. Lutz, John A. Watson, G. E. Corson, F. M. Cullison.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

John A. Watson, president, for four years; U. S. Ferguson, secretary, for three years; Isaac Kesler, treasurer, for one year; S. H. Lewis, for five years; Jacob Barger, for two years.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

W. V. Miller, president, for one year; J. B. Lutz, secretary, for two years; D. S. Moore, for three years; U. G. Hoover, for four years; C. A. Fleming, for five years.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. F. Erwin, president; G. W. Gilkison, secretary and treasurer; R. F. Durham, G. E. Corson, Clark Wilson.

CONFERENCE TREASURER

U. S. Ferguson, Attica, Indiana.

CONFERENCE SUNDAY-SCHOOL SECRETARY

W. V. Miller, 2105 E. 12th street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Miss Flora B. Foster, president, 712 Hazel street, Danville, Illinois; Mrs. W. V. Miller, vice-president, 2105 E. 12th street, Indianapolis, Indiana; Mrs. J. B. Lutz, corresponding secretary, 2102 Coyner avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana; Mrs. Blanche E. Perigo, recording secretary, Westfield, Illinois; Mrs. G. E. Corson, treasurer, R. R., No. 7, Urbana, Illinois; Miss Mabel Friel, Junior

superintendent, LaFayette, Indiana; Mrs. Mattie Lawrence McDaniels, librarian, Urbana, Illinois.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First, quarter, General Missions, Conference Missions; second quarter, Church Extension, Foreign Missions, General Conference Entertainment (4 cents); third quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; fourth quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Permanent Fund (5 cents).

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Reforms—D. S. Moore, *On Education*—W. H. Haynes.
On Church Literature—E. G. Grimes, *On Sunday-schools*—M. E. Lewis,
On State of the Work—John A. Watson, *On Charities*—Osmon P. Ellis.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

E. E. Robbins,	J. H. Keys,	H. J. McKinnell,
S. H. Lewis,	A. F. Niswonger,	D. S. Moore,
U. S. Ferguson,	John A. Watson,	J. B. Hull,
E. T. Corson,	J. L. Duval,	G. W. Gilkison,
J. F. Erwin,	J. B. Lutz,	R. F. Durham,
W. V. Miller,	U. G. Hoover,	C. A. Fleming,
C. J. Burnette,	Osmon P. Ellis,	S. A. Landis,
W. H. Haynes,	R. C. McDaniels,	J. H. Jones,
W. R. Bonham,	A. P. Gouthey,	E. G. Grimes,
F. W. Johnson,	H. E. Perigo,	Duane Bailiff,
Orla Montgomery,	Homer Tanner,	

DELEGATES

G. A. Williams,	G. E. Corson,	Lucinda Huch,
S. A. Sisson,	E. Woods,	William Bass,
F. M. Cullison,	Clark Wilson,	Ethel Inman,
George Grissom,	W. D. Britt,	Benjamin Crawford,
E. L. Sandy,	Wm. McGrayel,	Daniel Schank,
E. Drummond,	T. P. Rapson,	Myrtle Moyer,
Lulu Todd,	Isaac Kesler,	Delbert Haynes,
J. L. Skeen,		

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. T. Hogue, J. B. Lutz, John A. Watson, G. E. Corson, F. M. Cullison.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Delbert Haynes, Mattie Lawrence McDaniels.

4. Who remain on trial? M. E. Lewis, W. H. Thompson.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? H. E. Perigo, Duane Bailiff, Orla Montgomery.

6. Who are the deacons? J. L. Duval, G. W. Gilkison, C. J. Burnette, Joseph H. Jones, S. A. Landis, A. P. Gouthey, E. G. Grimes, F. W. Johnson, of the first class; H. E. Perigo, Duane Bailiff, Orla Montgomery, Homer Tanner, of the second class.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? Osmon P. Ellis, R. C. McDaniels, W. H. Haynes.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? Joseph H. Jones.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? J. H. Keys, E. E. Robbins, J. B. Hull, S. H. Lewis.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? Homer Tanner, from the Minnesota and North Iowa conference.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? J. H. McCabe, to the Southern California conference.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23. See statistics.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and widows and orphans of preachers? E. E. Robbins, \$100; J. H. Keys, \$75; Mrs. Lizzie Mercer and children, \$150; S. H. Lewis, \$150.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? John A. Watson, J. B. Lutz, D. S. Moore, F. M. Cullison, G. E. Corson were made a committee to determine the place; the time to be as near the last Wednesday in August, 1913, as can be arranged by the bishops.

MISCELLANEOUS

The society at Indianapolis, under the direction of the district elder, J. B. Lutz, and the pastor, W. V. Miller, entertained the conference with Christian hospitality.

We were glad to have with us at this session, Bishop Hogue, who presided with grace and ability and gave wholesome instruction to the conference.

Special evangelistic services were conducted by A. P. Gouthey. The W. F. M. S. held a very interesting service, assisted by Mrs. B. Winget.

The dedication of the new church, by Bishop Hogue, was a special feature. The collection to provide for all indebtedness on the church was remarkable. Over two thousand dollars was subscribed in a short time. The church is a model of neatness and convenience.

APPOINTMENTS

DANVILLE DISTRICT—JOHN A. WATSON, District Elder, 23 South 29th street, LaFayette, Indiana

Danville.....C. A. Fleming, 102 Bowman avenue, Danville, Illinois
Attica, Antioch, Black Rock.....U. S. Ferguson, Attica, Indiana
Pine Village, Marshfield.....E. G. Grimes, Pine Village, “
Urbana

R. C. McDaniels, Mattie Lawrence McDaniels, 910, Springfield avenue

Urbana, Illinois

Rantoul.....F. W. Johnson, Rantoul, “

Henning and Bethel.....J. L. Duval, Henning, “

Boswell.....M. E. Lewis, Boswell, Indiana

Oxford and Templeton.....To be supplied

LaFayette.....C. J. Burnette, 2013 Jackson street, LaFayette, Indiana

Indianapolis.....W. V. Miller, 2105 E. 12th street, Indianapolis, “

Hoopeston and Sugar Grove.....To be supplied

A. P. Gouthey, evangelist, 1102 Newman street, Indianapolis, Indiana; S. H. Lewis, superannuated, Danville, Illinois; U. G. Hoover, agent, Woodstock Orphanage and Home, Attica, Indiana; Joseph H. Jones, supernumerary; John A. Watson, member of Danville district quarterly conference.

WESTFIELD DISTRICT—JOHN A. WATSON, District Elder

Westfield, Sidel, Mt. Olive

.....H. E. Perigo, Blanche E. Perigo, supply, Westfield, Illinois

CaseyTo be supplied

Pleasant Grove, Janesville, Neoga.....J. F. Erwin, Neoga, Illinois
 Arcola, Tuscola.....W. H. Thompson, Arcola, "
 Charleston.....To be supplied
 E. E. Robbins, superannuated, Westfield, Illinois.

**WABASH DISTRICT—J. B. Lutz, District Elder, 2102 Coyner avenue,
 Indianapolis, Indiana**

West Salem, Mt. Zion, Mt. Hope, Immanuel.....
H. J. McKinnell, West Salem, Illinois
 Mt. Carmel, Belmont.....E. T. Corson, Mt. Carmel, "
 Vincennes, Lawrenceville, Decker
W. R. Bonham, 409 Sycamore street, Vincennes, Indiana
 Birds, Bee Branch, Island, Pinkstaff.....Osmon P. Ellis, Birds, Illinois
 Dark Bend, Victory.....T. T. Johnson, supply, Pinkstaff, "
 Clay City, Ashboro.....G. W. Gikison, Clay City, Indiana
 St. Francisville, Liberty, New Hope...A. F. Niswonger, St. Francisville, Illinois
 Woods' ChapelTo be supplied
 Terre Haute, Coxville.....Homer Tanner, Terre Haute, Indiana
 J. H. Keys, superannuated, West Salem, Illinois; J. B. Hull, superannuated,
 Sumner, Illinois; D. S. Moore, evangelist, Lawrenceville, Illinois; Orla Mont-
 gomery, evangelist, 420 South 16th street, Terre Haute, Indiana; J. B. Lutz,
 member of Wabash district quarterly conference.

EVANSVILLE DISTRICT—J. B. Lutz, District Elder

Evansville Mission, Ft. Branch, Yankeetown.....
R. F. Durham, 407 S. Governor street, Evansville, Indiana
 Tennyson, Bloomfield, Hale Chapel..W. H. Haynes, R. R., Chrisney, "
 BoonvilleDelbert Haynes, Boonville, "
 Taswell.....Duane Bailiff, Taswell, "
 Millstone and Chestnut Grove....S. A. Landis, Dodd, Perry County, "

LOCAL PREACHERS

H. C. Duval.....LaFayette, Indiana	T. H. Duval...Terre Haute, Indiana
Merton Knowles, Independence, Indi- ana	G. H. Vaught ....Mt. Carmel, Illinois
Mitchel Lank .....Oxford, Indiana	Charles Miller .....Birds, " "
Amos Shaw .....Hoopeston, Illinois	T. T. Johnson.....Pinkstaff, " "
Luther Dagley .....Boswell, Indiana	Jonas Hinman.....Boonville, Indiana
H. B. Arnold.....Hoopeston, Illinois	N. S. Ogborn, Pine Village, " "
George Roark, Rosedale, R. R. 2, In- diana	H. A. Swartz.....Tell City, " "
I. C. H. McNew, Indianapolis, Indiana	Henry Philipps, Yankeetown, " "
C. A. Alexander, Indianapolis, "	J. N. Wilson.....Toledo, Illinois
E. B. Allen.....Indianapolis, "	W. H. Thompson...Bradbury, " "
	Jacob Bowman.....Rockport, Indiana
	Guy Ferguson
F. M. Cullison....Greenville, Illinois	

EVANGELISTS

Ella Niswonger....Greenville, Illinois	Blanche E. Perigo..Westfield, Illinois
Lou Fleming.....Danville, "	Pearl Arnold .....Hoopeston, " "
Nellie Allen Corson...Urbana, "	Mrs. B. W. Polluck..Danville, " "
Flora Alexander, Indianapolis, Indiana	E. A. Ensler.....LaFayette, Indiana
Orinda Jackson, LaFayette, "	Zadoc Duval ....Marshfield, " "
Pyrila Long .....Marshfield, "	Elizabeth Wigglund ..Danville, Illinois
Minnie Miller...Indianapolis, Indiana	

TREASURER'S REPORT

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—In full, \$477.90.
 GENERAL MISSIONS—In full, \$159.30.
 BISHOPS' SALARIES—In full, \$191.16.
 PERMANENT FUND—In full, \$53.10.
 CHURCH EXTENSION—In full, \$106.20.
 GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—In full, \$38.46.
 CONFERENCE MISSIONS—In full, \$31.86.
 PUBLISHING THE MINUTES—\$28.00.
 FOREIGN MISSIONS—\$65.54.
 COLLECTED BY W. F. M. S.—\$400.00.
 EDUCATIONAL FUND—\$1.30.
 CHILDREN'S FUND—\$8.10.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON REFORMS

The moral logic of our position, as a church, places us in the vanguard of all moral reform movements. At this stage of the conflict between the forces of light and darkness, we see no occasion for us to recede in the least from our advanced position on the question of reforms that are so vitally associated with the best interests of the cause of God, our homes, our beloved country and the souls of men.

We still regard "Rum," "Rome" and "Secret Societies" as a triple menace to the above-named interests. That there is a growing interest of a general nature on these lines of much needed reforms, is manifest in different parts of the country, and yet there is much deplorable apathy and indifference upon the part of the masses touching these important reforms.

THE RUM POWER.—Never, in the history of this government, was it more defiant and impatient of restraint, than at the present time. Never has it exacted heavier tribute of the politicians and political parties, than at this moment. This deplorable condition is clearly demonstrated by the entire silence of the platforms of four of the political parties, touching this monstrous iniquity. This monster has become so terrorizing to the average politician that he is absolutely speechless in its presence; and because of the political prestige that it holds, and the politician covets, he sells himself to either open advocacy or to criminal silence, concerning this giant iniquity of our times. We see but a single ray of hope for deliverance from the thralldom of the rum power of this fair land, and that is to place on the throne of political power, a party that is in no way under obligation to the liquor traffic, and that is thoroughly committed to the complete overthrow of this nefarious business. The Prohibition party is the only party now in the field that answers this description. We believe that it deserves the support of the Christian and patriotic voters of America.

ROMANISM.—The Roman Catholic church, while making a great display of the "cross," as if especially devoted to Christ, nevertheless greatly dishonors Him by her semi-paganism, in enjoining upon her followers the adoration of images, the worship of the Virgin Mary, and so-called canonized saints, all of which is plainly contrary to the word of God, and stamps Romanism as anti-Christ. Romanism has always claimed, and coveted political supremacy, for her own advantage; and in all her past history, whenever she has had such supremacy, she has never failed to use it to the oppression of those who dared differ from her in faith. The path of her past history is red with patriotic blood, and ablaze with martyr fires. This so-called "only church" has never been known to express sorrow or repentance for her bloody past, but rather boasts that "Rome never changes." The utterances of some of her leading

prelates and priests, and the trend of affairs generally indicate that it is the ambition of this religio-political organization to make America Catholic. This she hopes to accomplish by attaining political supremacy, and then destroying our free American institutions, especially our free school system. The cringing subserviency of some of our leading politicians, to the demands of this un-American institution, is an alarming sign of our times. We deplore the special favoritism shown to Romanism by the president of the United States in a number of his official acts and appointments to federal positions. It is our deliberate judgment that any person who has given his first allegiance to the pope of Rome, has thereby disqualified himself for holding office under our form of government, neither do we consider it patriotic to help elect such persons to office.

SECRET SOCIETIES.—On the subject of secret societies we take no backward steps. We still believe that many of these societies are dangerous to both church and state. All the professed "good" in any and all of them, could be accomplished without their being secret. Secrecy is always a ground of suspicion, therefore if any desire our salutation, they must "lift the veil, or we cannot salute them in the way."

DRESS.—On the subject of dress, we would remark: The vanity of the human heart is frequently exhibited in the gaudy adorning of the body, sometimes with excessive clothing, at other times, by the wearing of too little. Most of the devotees of fashion are also quite fond of ornamental trinkets, such as gold rings, chains, bracelets, ear-rings, lockets and pins. We maintain that Christians in general, and "Free Methodists" in particular, should dress with a becoming modesty and neatness of apparel that would be befitting the followers of the meek and lowly Nazarene. We should avoid following the fashions, especially when fashion demands the sacrifice of good taste and Christian modesty. Dean W. T. Sumner, Chairman of Chicago's Vice Commission, recently said, "We are going through what I would term the era of suggestive dressing; a period when many women are making effort to accentuate those lines that contribute to sexuality." In concluding this part of the report, we would advise earnestly that all our people so dress as to avoid the possible application of the above quotation to themselves.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—God, in mercy, gave to mankind one day out of seven, as a day of rest from secular toil, and also as a time of religious devotion and moral upbuilding. As mankind drifts farther from God, the restraints of this holy day appear more and more objectionable to their worldly and selfish ambitions, hence we behold the sanctities of this holy day ruthlessly trampled under foot by the worldly, pleasure-seeking thousands of city and country. The Sunday base-ball with its yelling thousands of godless youths, with a liberal sprinkling of carnal, church-member attendants, is a heavy contributor to this carnival of Sabbath desecration. Let us, as a people, avoid giving any apparent encouragement to this growing evil by carefully avoiding all unnecessary labor on the Sabbath, such as going to the post-office, buying or selling, or reading secular papers, and talking and planning secular work. Let us remember that God sees and hears us. May we act with this conviction ever upon us.

THE TOBACCO HABIT.—The increasing prevalence of this unclean and destructive vice, especially among the youth of our land, presents a serious problem to this generation. That this popular evil is considered a dangerous menace to the physical, mental and moral welfare of our young men, is clearly indicated by the fact that a number of the states have recently passed laws more or less restrictive upon this subject. This is a hopeful indication, but there is yet much to be done, ere this destructive tide of tobacco dissipation is materially checked. We are glad there is at least one church on this continent that dare lift a correct standard to the people on this subject, and may we ever keep free from this modern filthiness. The juvenile criminals of our land are almost without exception, addicted to the deadly cigarette habit.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WABASH CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Delegates to General Conference	Foreign Missionary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Attica District															
Attica, Antioch, Black Rock...	2 50	9 65	1 50	5 00		57 00	2 60	400 50	\$ 100 00	\$ 52 05	\$ 115 20	3	\$ 3000	1	\$ 1000
Pine Village and Marshfield...						25 00	2 60	500 00	60 00	55 00	105 00	2	3000	1	1000
Danville			20 00			70 17		500 00	150 00	72 87	78 35	1	5000	1	2000
Urbana	9 10	27 60	20 00		1 45	27 81	2 30	450 00	80 00	51 00	98 00	1	1800	1	2000
Kanoni and Sugar Grove...			16 88		82	20 68	88	375 39	184 00	43 98	115 95	2	2200	1	1200
Renning and Bethel...	37 80					29 29	1 20	578 36	77 00	87 60	58 71	2	2000	1	1000
Exponent						8 00	40	45 36	72 00	14 75	17 75	2	1000	1	700
Oxford and Templeton							40					1	1000	1	700
Lafayette			45 42		2 62	75 39	2 30	504 12	180 00	55 00	111 20	1	6000	1	2500
Indianapolis	10 00		10 00		1 61	52 72	3 00	723 50		61 75	164 00	1	6000	1	1700
Boswell	23 95		67 00			80 06	4	400 00	85 00	40 00	244 19	1	1800	1	1700
Westfield District															
Westfield, Sidell and Mt. Olive...	6 00	20 00				34 60	1 25	407 50	75 00	47 50	88 00	3	3000	1	800
Casey	3 97					80 00	2 30	377 00	50 00	60 00	111 00	4	3000	1	1200
Pleasant Grove, Janesville, etc...	3 00					11 87	1 30	267 93	40 00	45 00	7 65	3	2500	1	600
Arcola, Tuscola and Charleston...															
Wabash District															
West Salem, Mt. Hope, etc...	7 50		5 00			48 00	3 85	475 00	60 00	71 00	140 00	4	4000	1	1000
Mt. Carmel, Mt. Pleasant...						9 70	1 95	284 52	120 00	40 85	45 00	2	2400	2	2800
Vincennes, Bee Branch, etc...	5 52		11 57	1 30	1 25	30 70	3 60	476 55	196 00	70 00	199 00	2	4000	1	850
Birds, Bee Branch, etc...	11 00		5 75		2 75	66 59	3 60	517 35	75 00	78 00	50 68	4	4000	1	1200
Clark Bend and Victor...						10 00	50	500 00	75 00	25 00		2	3000	1	1000
Clay City and Ashboro...	25 47				1 40	45 00	3 20	500 00	72 00	80 00	60 00	3	3000	1	1000
St. Francesville, Liberty, etc...			12 80			55 50	1 45	425 00	60 00	70 00	215 00	3	3000	1	800
Wood's Chapel															
Terre Haute, Sanford, etc...	1 00		5 00			52 41	2 60	420 00	30 00	60 00		1	1500		
Evansville District															
Evansville, Mt. Branch, etc...					40	31 72	2 00	380 83	72 00	43 00	26 15	2	4200	2	1800
Tennysen, Bloomfield, Felzer...						15 00	1 95	223 38	60 00	61 95		2	1500	1	550
Poonville										6 50					
Roswell										24 00					
Milwaukee and Chestnut Grove...										36 00					
Hale Chapel															
Total	\$156 46	\$ 248 62	\$ 6 30	\$ 12 30	\$ 1353 10	\$2050 83	\$ 50	\$ 70700	\$ 26200						

OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Fourteenth Annual Session, held at Enid,
Oklahoma, August 28-September 1, 1912

OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President*

T. H. ALLEN, *Secretary* O. L. DAVENPORT, *Assistant Secretary*
C. M. HADDUCK, *Treasurer* E. O. DAVENPORT, *Statistical Secretary*
T. H. ALLEN, MELVIN WRIGHT, SLADE FREER, *Sunday-school Secretaries*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—Wilson T. Hogue, Melvin Wright, H. H. Isbell.
On Reforms—G. M. Hadduck, U. S. Pitsenberger, O. L. Davenport.
On Publications—T. H. Allen, C. W. VanTreese, G. A. Johnson.
On Ministerial Efficiency—Melvin Wright, C. Mattenly, G. L. Anderson.
On Sunday-schools—E. O. Davenport, G. W. Bugg, A. E. Lewis.
On Christian Benevolence—C. E. Harroun, J. K. Webb, Robert Cook.
On Charities—E. A. Andrews, W. E. McWilliams, Lydia A. Newberry.
On Ministerial Support—Slade Freer, John Gill, R. W. Rogers.
On Ministerial Relations—The three district elders, A. E. Lewis, G. L. Anderson.
On Nominations of Chairmen of Committees for Next Year—The district elders.
To Audit the Treasurer's Accounts—N. C. Swigart, E. O. Davenport.
To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—U. S. Pitsenberger, N. C. Swigart, Vergie Watkins.
To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—J. H. Wright.
On Complimentary Resolutions—E. A. Andrews, Viola Graham, D. C. Sparks.
On Conference Claimants and Claims—Wilson T. Hogue, T. H. Allen, Slade Freer, G. L. Anderson, A. E. Lewis.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Sunday-schools—E. O. Davenport,
On Charities—G. M. Hadduck,

On State of the Work—T. H. Allen.
On Publications—O. L. Davenport.

On Education—E. A. Andrews,

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

T. H. Allen, president, term expires 1913; Slade Freer, secretary, term expires 1914; Melvin Wright, term expires 1915.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

T. H. Allen, president; Slade Freer, secretary and treasurer; Melvin Wright, G. L. Anderson, A. E. Lewis.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Melvin Wright, president; J. M. Blakely, for two years; T. H. Allen, secretary and treasurer; Slade Freer, for three years; G. L. Anderson, for one year.

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY BOARD

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OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Rilla Allen, president, Geary, Oklahoma; Mrs. Marilla S. Freer, first vice-president, Guthrie, Oklahoma; Mrs. Glendora Bugg, recording secretary, Isabella, Oklahoma; Mrs. Amelia Thomas, corresponding secretary, 423 West Oak street, Enid, Oklahoma; Mrs. Effie Carver, treasurer, Cashion, Oklahoma; Miss Minnie Myers, librarian, Cashion, Oklahoma; Mrs. Amelia Thomas, Mrs. Marilla Freer, Mrs. Rilla Allen, Junior superintendents.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions (15 cents), Church Extension Fund (10 cents); second quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Permanent Fund (5 cents), General Conference Entertainment (2 cents); third quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; fourth quarter, Conference Missions (25 cents).

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

C. E. Harroun,
T. H. Allen,
Slade Freer,
Melvin Wright,
W. E. McWilliams,
C. W. VanTreese,
G. M. Haddock,
O. L. Davenport,
G. W. Bugg,

U. S. Pitsenberger,
E. O. Davenport,
E. N. Cobb,
J. H. Wright,
E. A. Andrews,
W. F. Campbell,
H. H. Isbell,
J. K. Webb,
C. Mattenly.

J. L. Brown,
N. C. Swigart,
H. O. Radford,
Carey Fisher,
J. W. Swann,
Arthur Myers,
B. J. Leavenworth,
A. Maker,

DELEGATES

G. L. Anderson,
J. R. Simpson,
J. R. McNabb,
S. J. Smith,
Carrie Reilly,
G. G. Bathurst,
R. W. Rogers,
F. A. Smith,

Viola Graham,
A. D. Sherrill,
John Gill,
Lydia A. Newberry,
A. E. Lewis,
Vergie Watkins,
Chas. Wrettlng,
Robert Cook.

C. A. Malone,
A. Maker,
D. C. Sparks,
G. A. Johnson,
F. M. Newkirk,
J. B. Eakins,
H. F. Cooper,

2. Who are the stationing committee? Wilson T. Hogue, T. H. Allen, Melvin Wright, Slade Freer, G. L. Anderson, A. E. Lewis, R. W. Rogers.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? W. H. Maddox, S. L. Antrim.

4. Who remain on trial? M. V. Whetzel, W. O. Newell.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? J. W. Swann, B. J. Leavenworth, Arthur Myers, A. Maker, on certificate of location.

6. Who are the deacons? J. H. Wright, Carey Fisher, J. W. Swann, B. J. Leavenworth, Arthur Myers, G. W. Bugg, E. N. Cobb, H. H. Isbell.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8. Who have located this year? J. K. Webb, at his own request.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? U. S. Pitsenberger, N. C. Swigart.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? C. Mattenly, J. L. Brown, H. O. Radford.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? None.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? A. R. Martin, as a preacher on trial.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed, except one.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistics.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? C. Mattenly, \$150; J. L. Brown, \$100.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? The fixing of the time and place was left with the district elders. In case no invitation is received for the conference and its entertainment, arrangements are to be made to hold it in connection with a conference camp-meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

GUTHRIE DISTRICT—SLADE FREER, District Elder, Guthrie, Oklahoma

Guthrie.....W. O. Newell, 1124 West Mansur street, Guthrie, Oklahoma
Edmond and Waterloo.....Anna Batchelder, supply, Brittain, "
Oklahoma City....."
.....G. M. Haddock, 1510 Linwood boulevard, Oklahoma City, "
Norman and Franklin.....S. L. Antrim, Norman, "
Eagle Creek, Sparks and Rossville....."
.....B. F. Hudson, supply, Chandler, "

H. O. Radford, superannuated, Guthrie, Oklahoma; C. E. Harroun, principal of Campbell Seminary, Campbell, Texas; Arthur Myers, left without appointment to attend school, Campbell, Texas; Slade Freer, member of Guthrie district quarterly conference.

PONCA DISTRICT—SLADE FREER, District Elder

Ponca, Maple Grove and Uncas.....E. A. Andrews, Kildare, Oklahoma
Tonkawa, Newkirk and Billings.....A. Maker, Tonkawa, "
Perry and Lone Elm.....To be supplied
Yale Valley and Manford.....W. H. Maddox, Yale, Oklahoma
Bartlesville.....To be supplied
Muskogee.....C. W. Bassham, supply, Muskogee, Oklahoma

ENID DISTRICT—MELVIN WRIGHT, District Elder, Augusta, Oklahoma

Enid and Elmdale.....H. H. Isbell, 324 West Oak street, Enid, Oklahoma
Eddy and Satchel Valley.....F. G. Bower, supply, Eddy, "
Wakita and Prairie Queen.....O. L. Davenport, Wakita, "

J. K. Webb, granted certificate of location at his own request, membership at Enid; Carey Fisher, left without appointment according to paragraph 96 of the Discipline.

CLEO DISTRICT—MELVIN WRIGHT, District Elder

Wisley and Clymer.....W. F. Campbell, Aline, Oklahoma
Helena, Nash, Augusta and Aline.....J. H. Wright, Helena, "
Isabella, Oak Glade and Dane.....G. W. Bugg, Isabella, "
Capron and Green Valley.....To be supplied

C. Mattenly, superannuated; N. C. Swigart, U. S. Pitsenberger, supernumerary; Melvin Wright, member of Cleo district quarterly conference; A. R. Martin, given a certificate of transfer to Texas conference.

BEAVER DISTRICT—MELVIN WRIGHT, District Elder

Sunset, Cline and Catesby.....Cecil Devore, supply
Forgan, Lorena and Sears Schoolhouse.....M. V. Whetzell, Lorena, Oklahoma
Guymon.....B. J. Leavenworth, Guymon, "
" " " "

G. C. Houseman, discontinued membership at Guymon, Oklahoma.

GEARY DISTRICT—T. H. ALLEN, District Elder, Geary, Oklahoma
 Geary, Oak Ridge and Mountain View....W. E. McWilliams, Geary, Oklahoma
 Cashion and Bethel.....E. O. Davenport, Cashion, "
 Chickasha, Anadarko and Verden....."
C. W. VanTreese, R. F. D. 1, Box 48, Chickasha. "
 T. H. Allen, member of Geary district quarterly conference; J. L. Brown, superannuated.

SEILING DISTRICT—T. H. ALLEN, District Elder
 Seiling, Cedardale and Camargo.....Pearl Wells, supply, Seiling, Oklahoma
 North Chapel and Supply.....E. N. Cobb, Mutual, "
 Thomas, Liberty Chapel and Fountain.....To be supplied

HOBART DISTRICT—T. H. ALLEN, District Elder
 Port. Zion Chapel and Canute.....J. W. Swann, Sentinel, Oklahoma
 ManitouTo be supplied

ORDAINED LOCAL PREACHERS

Henry Delbridge, Lockridge, Oklahoma	M. C. Paul,.....Seward, Oklahoma
L. C. Gould, Pleasant Valley, "	F. D. North.....Meeker, "
G. B. Hall.....Guthrie, "	A. S. Doughty....Tonkawa, "
D. C. Sparks.....Chester, "	H. F. Cooper.....Kildare, "
J. W. Linton.....Norman, "	B. H. Kiper, Oklahoma City, "

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

J. H. Grovier.....Guymon, Oklahoma	Abbie K. Wall.....Seiling, Oklahoma
Phebe Grovier.....Guymon, "	Anna Batchelder ..Brittain, "
Lydia A. Newberry, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	Elizabeth Stewart, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
M. Neu	Kiowa, Kansas

EVANGELISTS

Pearl Wells .....Seiling, Oklahoma	Georgeanna North..Meeker, Oklahoma
Cynthia Mitchell ..Carmen, "	Anna Tannehill, R. F. D. 2, Box 25, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
George Enterline, Augusta, "	

LOCAL PREACHERS

J. R. Simpson, 109 West Pine street, Enid, Oklahoma	R. M. Reed, R. F. D. 2, Woodward, Oklahoma
Frank A. Carver...Cashion, Oklahoma	C. L. North.....Sparks, Oklahoma
A. E. Lewis.....Guthrie, "	L. G. Hobart....Chandler, "
W. S. Vanderhoofen, Geary, "	G. W. Blakely....Wellston, "
S. J. Smith.....Jefferson, "	A. D. Sherrill....Wellston, "
T. J. Murphy.....Norman, "	K. D. Williams....Perry, "
W. W. Bentley....Carmen, "	J. H. Bass.....Red Rock, "
Cecil H. Devore....Logan, "	G. W. Sumpter, cor. Kline and 7th street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Ollie D. Marlow....Hattin, "	Harry Vanderveen, Tecumseh, Oklahoma
D. P. Anderson, Chickasha, "	
L. L. Hall.....Anadarko, "	
F. A. Smith.....Lorena, "	J. F. Jestes.....Newkirk, Oklahoma
W. C. Fair.....Springdale, Arkansas	

MISCELLANEOUS

The fourteenth session of the Oklahoma conference was held the fourth time in connection with a conference camp-meeting, at Lakewood Park, Enid, Oklahoma. The session was considered one of the best. Seventy-three tents and several covered wagons were occupied by over four hundred persons. We were helped and blessed by the presence of Bishop Hogue, whose godliness was an inspiration to us. His preaching and addresses to the conference were spiritual, able and practical. T. B. Arnold was present, and represented the Woodstock Homes. He gave an excellent address on foreign missions on Sunday afternoon. \$158.65 was received in cash, and \$381.00 in subscriptions. A free-will offering of \$27.43 was taken on the Roberts' monument memorial fund.

TREASURER'S REPORT

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—Apportioned, \$393.30; raised, \$370.47.
 BISHOPS' SALARIES—Apportioned, \$157.32; raised, \$142.01.
 CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Apportioned, \$218.50; raised, \$152.80.
 GENERAL MISSIONS—Apportioned and paid, \$131.10.
 CHURCH EXTENSION—Apportioned and paid, \$87.40.
 GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—Apportioned, \$17.48; raised, \$17.44.
 PERMANENT FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$43.70.
 CHILDREN'S FUND—\$34.55.
 IRON HOUSE FUND—\$80.28.
 FOR PUBLISHING THE MINUTES—\$36.00.
 COLLECTED ON DEFICIENCY OF LAST YEAR—\$33.70.
 On Sunday morning \$48.23 was raised on above deficiencies.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON CHRISTIAN BENEVOLENCE

Human affections are classed as benevolent and malevolent. They impel us to do good or evil to those who are their objects. All the benevolent affections emanate from one supreme affection, namely: Love. Human love is one in essence, although varied in expression. The stream may flow out toward varied objects, but is ever the same as to its source.

In human society the family is the social unit. The benevolent affections are first exercised toward the members of the family. Here the constant influence should be such that this affection is constantly exercised, and thereby developed. If benevolence is not developed in the home life of the child, it will never manifest itself in the larger social life in later years. True benevolence, develops as: First. Love of family. Second. Love of country, or patriotism. Third. Love of humanity, or philanthropy.

Philanthropy is the manifestation of love matured. Benevolence is usually considered in connection with service, or goods given to the unfortunate and needy. But true benevolence is as eager to prevent misfortune to humanity, as to afford relief or assistance when once the misfortune has occurred. A thousand misfortunes might be averted if love would run before pity.

While love slumbers, sin is diligently seeking the ruin of men, and finding no one on guard, speedily accomplishes its purpose. The tardiness of benevolence keeps her ever busy caring for those whom sin has maimed and well nigh slaughtered.

If benevolence would build more forts for defense, and equip more arsenals with munitions of war, it would not be called upon to provide so many hospitals and ambulances to care for the wounded and dying.

The Christian religion is ever the embodiment and inspiration of benevolence. Where the gospel flourishes, benevolence in various forms abounds. He who receives the spirit of the gospel in his heart, loves his neighbor as

himself. Hence Christianity is the broadest and most vital philanthropy. All the vaunted benevolence of fraternal societies is due to the Christianizing influence of the gospel of Christ, as wrought upon society in general. The virtue is praised, but its source ignored with shameless ingratitude.

Benevolence may have a very noble inspiration, and at the same time, have a very unwise and harmful expression. Benevolence is an inherent, spontaneous impulse of the heart, but the form and degree of its expression is a matter of judgment; therefore, it does not follow, that, because the affection is approved, every benevolent enterprise or proposition is expedient. Neither does it prove that because some benevolent projects are disapproved, that they who oppose them are void of a strong, deep, love of humanity.

Benevolence should first find its expression in measures calculated to *prevent* those conditions which seriously affect society or the individual. "An ounce of preventive is worth a pound of cure" is an adage as true in this as other respects. It is better to prevent poverty than to relieve it. Benevolence is *just* first, then charitable. Benevolence would abolish the saloon, the wine room and every form of indulgence in social crime. In fact, real benevolence seeks to anticipate the sources of crime, the causes of poverty, insanity, bodily deformity, individual and social degeneracy, and prevent the effect by preventing the cause.

To ever follow down the stream of criminal exploitation, and extend a helping hand to the poor victim, is as futile as it is unwise, as a means of correcting the evils. Heartless, human wretches will furnish the victims in increasing numbers for the profit they derive, so long as the benevolent people will come to the rescue of their victims.

Here is the mistake of our modern social economics. We are giving too little attention to causes, and nearly all attention to effects, seeking to rescue the victims of human sin, instead of trying to prevent persons being victimized.

There are three co-ordinate methods by which proper philanthropy may be developed:

1. An aggressive New Testament church.
2. A Christianized education for our children.
3. A Christianized legislation, expressed by Christianized interpretation and administration of government.

Until our love of humanity crystallizes in the character of our education and administration of government, our Christianity will fail of that social regeneration of which it is capable, and that its author has designed. Nay more, if these agencies are not laid under contribution to secure to men the fullest right to themselves and the reward of their labor, it is evident that the saving grace of Christ has not thoroughly permeated the individual Christian with its saving virtues. In the meantime, while we wait for this happy state, we must afford such relief as is possible to the proper objects of benevolent gift and service.

II.—ON REFORMS

Reform: "To make new, or to change from evil to good." The gospel of Jesus Christ and the law of God are the greatest factors known in bringing about reformation among the children of men. The church of Jesus Christ is the greatest organized power against evil. She, aided by the Holy Spirit, transforms men from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God.

We, as a people, stand for righteousness. We believe the Bible sets forth the standard of equity between men, and declares God's love and transforming power in the atonement of Jesus Christ. Therefore we deplore the fact that fictitious stories are read to our children in many of our public schools; and blush with shame when we know that some of the states in this Christian nation have, by law, shut the Word of God out of their schools.

We also realize that Catholicism is using her power to bring church and state together—once accomplished, the pope would rule over all. All we need to do is to look back to the days of the inquisition, and we see the spirit of Catholicism. So we take our stand anew for the Bible and freedom.

The moving picture show is doing much in our day to poison the minds of the young, and break down morals. We should cry out against them.

Divorce—It is a shame that in our beloved nation, for every twelve marriages should be granted one divorce. We would favor a national divorce law, and that fixed on New Testament basis.

Tobacco is another evil that is degrading our youth. Mr. J. W. Hodge, writing under the title, "Is the Use of Tobacco an Economical Evil?" in the *Naturopath*, says, "I propose to state some facts and give some reasons in support of the reasonable contention that the habitual use of tobacco is an economic evil of great magnitude. As the basis of my contention, I here cite some of the figures found in the United States Government Reports of the Internal Revenue Bureau. The following is a statement of this nation's tobacco-consuming record for the twelve month period which ended on June 30, 1910, as shown by the official figures of said bureau: Cigars, 7,600,000,000, an increase of 160,000,000 over the number for the year 1909. Cigarettes, 6,830,000,000, an increase of a plump 100,000,000 over the last preceding year. Plug-tobacco, fine cut, crib cut, granulated or sliced smoking or chewing tobacco or snuff, 402,000,000 pounds, an increase over the last preceding year of 4,000,000 pounds.

The government reports referred to, state that the internal revenue receipts on fermented liquors, distilled spirits, smoking, chewing and snuffing tobacco with certain other things, such as playing cards, amount to more than \$289,000,000, for the year in question, which amount was collected by Commissioner Cabell's organization at a cost of about \$5,000,000. It cost a cent and a little over seven mills for the collection of each dollar of revenue-tax." We feel that our church is to be commended for the stand taken on this subject years ago.

In the *Free Methodist* of May 14, 1912, under the title, "Party or League, Which?" Rev. Robert H. Clark says, "There are two methods now before the people for the solution of the vexing questions that are directly opposed to each other, and both cannot be right. This question will never be settled till it is settled right, and that will be after every brewery and distillery is closed, and every saloon has gone out of business. President Taft says that every question in politics MUST have a party behind it that is in perfect harmony with that question. Then to have prohibition of the liquor traffic, we must have a party in power that is pledged to destroy the traffic in alcohol beverages."

It is readily seen that we can get no relief from this nefarious curse, as long as the Chief Executive of our nation will send one of his cabinet officers to preside over a brewers' congress in order to get the liquor vote this fall. The liquor bill increases from year to year. In 1893 the bill was \$1,207,365,215; in 1903 it was \$1,606,217,122, and in 1910 it was \$2,045,427,018. Again, The *Christian Observer* shows that the amount of money spent for drink in one year, would by taking silver dollars and standing them on edge, make 1,587 miles of silver dollars.

On the subject of *dress and secret societies* we affirm the position taken by the Discipline, and pledge ourselves anew to stand by the scriptural position regarding these subjects—and say with the wise man, "Remove not the ancient landmark which thy fathers have set" (Prov. 22:28).

A Christian spirit: In our opposition to all these evils, we should be on our guard and manifest at all times the spirit of love—To hate sin of every kind, and at the same time love the erring, and rescue the perishing.

III.—ON PUBLICATIONS

The press is a powerful agency for the dissemination of both truth and error. It has been said, "A man may be known by what he reads, or by his library." We are living in an age of multiplied publications, both secular and religious. Our land is flooded, and our nation cursed with secular, trashy, unreliable, impure literature. In the realm of religious literature there is much published in this day that is absolutely false, unorthodox, deceptive and soul-damning to those who read and accept it. The theories and speculations

of men, and doctrines of devils are taught for the pure word of God. One prominent work of this character published in six volumes, and sent out by the "Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society," is known as Millennial-Dawnism. Mr. Russell is the author.

The volumes contain over three thousand closely-printed pages. Four million copies have been sold and circulated. These books, with five million tracts sent out each month, and the official paper or magazine, known as "The Herald of Christ's Presence," have been, and are being read by millions of people. These publications are printed in all modern languages, and are being scattered through this and foreign countries.

Rev. I. M. Haldeman denominates Millennial-Dawnism as, "The Blasphemous Religion which Teaches the Annihilation of Jesus Christ." Let us beware of publications sent out by the "Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society." We would also call attention to a class of religious literature which is considered orthodox, and yet is so superficial, sentimental, and worldly in character, as to present a type or standard of religion evidently below that set forth in the New Testament.

Much of the Sabbath-school literature and reading for the young is but a mild form of the sentimental novel, with a little diluted religious instruction thrown in to give it a religious appearance.

It is no small part of the work of the church of God to furnish a type of literature which shall, in some measure at least, counteract the influence of that class of reading which is skeptical, worldly, compromising, unorthodox and pernicious, and exert a wholesome influence upon men intellectually and morally. With this in mind, it should be easy for us to see that as a church, we have a golden opportunity and a great mission to accomplish in this field of religious work.

We rejoice in the continual prosperity of our publishing interests under the present management. We consider the *Free Methodist* the best holiness paper in the realm of religious literature. It is ably edited, clean, radical, and filled with information and solid religious truth each week. No Free Methodist family should be without it.

Without the paper there will be a lack of proper intelligence as to what the church is accomplishing in her mission to spread scriptural holiness over these lands. With a lack of intelligence it will be impossible for one to feel the intensity of interest in all the departments of the church's activities.

Our Sunday-school literature is second to none in the land. No other should be used by us as a people.

The *Missionary Tidings* occupies an important place in the advancing movement of missionary effort, and should have a larger circulation.

Our new hymnal is well received by our people as the best collection of hymns yet published by the church, and its use should be universal throughout the church in all the regular services. This is very necessary in order to good, uniform singing. Voices of Praise has its proper place in our Sunday-school work.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PREACHER															Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claims	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions	General Claims	Church Extension and Aid Society	Entertainment
Guthrie District																														
Guthrie	Slade Freer, District Elder	43	10	53	1	1	1	1	11	50	12	\$	18	40	%	7	56	%	10	50	%	6	20	%	4	20	%	84		
Edmond and Waterloo	G. W. Bugbird, supply	13	27	40	1	1	1	1	15	109	15	70	4	28	8	28	11	50	6	90	4	60	4	60	4	60	4	92		
Clinton	C. H. Hodrick	53	14	67	2	2	2	2	13	65	10	3	63	10	90	3	08	4	25	15	30	3	30	3	30	3	30	3	46	
Natomah, Peck and Franklin	S. L. Antum, supply	26	10	36	1	1	1	1	13	65	10	3	63	10	90	3	08	4	25	15	30	3	30	3	30	3	30	3	44	
Eagle Creek, Oak Grove, etc.	S. F. Hudson, supply	33	8	41	1	1	1	1	13	65	10	3	63	10	90	3	08	4	25	15	30	3	30	3	30	3	30	3	60	
Ponca District																														
Ponca, Maple Grove and Uncas	Slade Freer, District Elder	50	11	61	1	1	1	1	15	109	15	70	4	28	8	28	11	50	6	90	4	60	4	60	4	60	4	92		
Tonkawa, Newkirk and Billings	E. A. Andrews	23	16	39	1	1	1	1	15	109	15	70	4	28	8	28	11	50	6	90	4	60	4	60	4	60	4	92		
Perry and Lone Elm	Pearl Wells, supply	23	16	39	1	1	1	1	15	109	15	70	4	28	8	28	11	50	6	90	4	60	4	60	4	60	4	92		
Yale Valley and Manford	Paul M. Jones	30	1	31	1	1	1	1	15	109	15	70	4	28	8	28	11	50	6	90	4	60	4	60	4	60	4	92		
Bartlesville	M. V. Whetzel	30	1	31	1	1	1	1	15	109	15	70	4	28	8	28	11	50	6	90	4	60	4	60	4	60	4	92		
Amesbury	Slade Freer	12	8	20	1	1	1	1	7	25	3	4	50	1	86	2	50	1	50	1	50	1	50	1	50	1	50	1	20	
End District																														
Buld and Elmdate	Melvin Wright, District Elder	51	20	71	1	1	1	1	7	50	15	23	40	9	36	13	00	13	00	13	00	13	00	13	00	13	00	13	04	
Gaswin, Capitan, Green Valley, Ely, Slick, etc.	W. H. Isbell	25	4	29	1	1	1	1	6	20	3	11	25	8	46	5	15	6	25	3	50	3	50	3	50	3	50	3	40	
Wakita and Prairie Queen	F. C. Baker, supply	58	28	86	1	1	1	1	6	50	9	21	15	8	46	5	15	6	25	3	50	3	50	3	50	3	50	3	94	
Cleo District																														
Wisby and Clymer	Melvin Wright, District Elder	45	3	48	1	1	1	1	14	150	12	4	32	8	16	20	3	50	3	50	3	50	3	50	3	50	3	90		
Helena, Augusta and Albee	W. F. Campbell	23	1	24	1	1	1	1	14	150	12	4	32	8	16	20	3	50	3	50	3	50	3	50	3	50	3	90		
North Chapel, Woodward, etc.	Melvin Wright	23	1	24	1	1	1	1	14	150	12	4	32	8	16	20	3	50	3	50	3	50	3	50	3	50	3	90		
Isabella, Oak Glade and Dunc	E. S. Pilsenberger	23	1	24	1	1	1	1	14	150	12	4	32	8	16	20	3	50	3	50	3	50	3	50	3	50	3	90		
Beaver District																														
Beaver City, Sunset, Cline, etc.	Melvin Wright, District Elder	23	1	24	1	1	1	1	14	150	12	4	32	8	16	20	3	50	3	50	3	50	3	50	3	50	3	90		
Guymon and Verne	C. W. VanTreese	10	10	20	1	1	1	1	14	150	12	4	32	8	16	20	3	50	3	50	3	50	3	50	3	50	3	90		
Lovena	J. H. Grovier, supply	13	2	15	1	1	1	1	6	25	5	10	35	4	14	5	75	3	45	3	45	3	45	3	45	3	46			
Geary District																														
Geary, Watonga and Oak Ridge	F. A. Smith, supply	70	8	78	1	1	1	1	8	25	5	10	35	4	14	5	75	3	45	3	45	3	45	3	45	3	46			
Cashion and Bethel	T. H. Allen, District Elder	67	7	74	2	2	2	2	6	20	3	11	25	8	46	5	15	6	25	3	50	3	50	3	50	3	90			
Thomas, Liberty Chapel, etc.	E. O. Davenport	26	4	30	1	1	1	1	6	20	3	11	25	8	46	5	15	6	25	3	50	3	50	3	50	3	90			
Selling, Cedardale, etc.	J. W. Swann	27	1	28	1	1	1	1	6	20	3	11	25	8	46	5	15	6	25	3	50	3	50	3	50	3	90			
Hobart District																														
Port, Zion Chapel and Canute	Abbie K. Wall, supply	24	1	25	1	1	1	1	6	20	3	11	25	8	46	5	15	6	25	3	50	3	50	3	50	3	90			
Chickasha, Anadarko, Verden	T. H. Allen, District Elder	28	2	30	1	1	1	1	6	20	3	11	25	8	46	5	15	6	25	3	50	3	50	3	50	3	90			
Hobart, Lone Wolf, Manitou, etc.	T. H. Allen	7	1	8	1	1	1	1	6	20	3	11	25	8	46	5	15	6	25	3	50	3	50	3	50	3	90			
Total		898	107	1005	27	12	33	234	1144	207	\$	356	72	\$149	88	\$149	08	\$123	90	\$	84	10	\$	37	13	\$	47	13		

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARACTER	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Missions and Claims	Women's For- eign Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
Guthrie District															
Guthrie	25		40		2	55	2	351	\$144	\$88	\$	1	2000	1	\$1500
Edmond							85	73		19			1000	1	
Oklahoma City			70		2	48	3	500	180	94		1	3000	1	2000
Norman, Purcell and Franklin	2	0	1				3	260	16	85				1	250
Eagle Creek, Oak Grove, etc.			1			5	0	71	20	45					
Ponca District															
Ponca, Maple Grove and Uncas			15		1	29	2	475	100	108			2300	1	700
Tonkawa, Venkita and Billings			72		2	41	1	259		58			2000	1	1000
Payson, Elmer and Elmer					2	25	1	150	60	50			1000	1	700
Yale Valley and Manford	2	82	1	1	1	15	1	330	60	63			1000	1	600
Bartlesville					1	35	0	58		55			300		
Muskogee							10			39					
Enid District															
Enid and Bindale			21		2	33	0	303	144	51			2000	1	1500
Lawton, Capron and Valley	1	00					2	60		23			1000		
Payson, Schell and Valley			5		3	16	1	160		39				1	500
Wakita and Prairie Queen					2	20	2	175	72	52			1200	1	800
Cleo District															
Wisby and Clymer	25	00	20	3	2	52	2	295	48	74			800	1	400
Helena, Augusta and Almo			23				1	314	50	20				1	600
North Chapel, Woodward, etc.					2	35	1	50	50	43			1500	1	1000
Isabella, Oak Glade and Dane						15	0	321	75	51			2000	1	500
Beaver District															
Beaver City, Sunset, Clinch, etc.	5	00	5		1	23	1	175		13			1200		
Guymon and Verne						23	50	42		18					
Lorena							75	140		71					
Geary District															
Geary, Watonga and Oak Ridge			86		3	50	2	350	100	87			1500	1	1400
Cashion and Bethel			35		8	44	1	400	27	92			2500	1	1000
Thomas, Liberty Chapel, etc.							2	285	48	00				1	200
Selling, Cedarvale, etc.			17			8	1	180	50	35			1000	1	600
Hobart District															
Port, Zion Chapel and Canute						10	1	405	75	53			1000	1	600
Chickasha, Ada and Varden							30	157		27					
Hobart, Lone Wolf, Manitou, etc.								29		56					
Total	\$ 35	\$ 82	\$ 395	\$ 4	\$ 37	\$ 537	\$ 41	\$ 799	\$ 1544	\$ 1470	\$ 115	\$ 24	\$ 29900	\$ 19	\$ 15950

*N. C. Swigart, for five months.

†B. J. Leavenworth, for six months.

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Forty-eighth Annual Session, held at Ypsilanti, Michigan, August 21-24, 1912

OFFICERS

BURTON R. JONES, *President*
F. L. BAKER, *Secretary* G. H. PETERS, *Assistant Secretary*
W. C. MUFFITT, *Treasurer*
H. MONTGOMERY, W. H. WILSON, *Sunday-school Secretaries*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—B. R. Jones, H. Montgomery, W. C. Muffit, C. W. Miller, George Flowers.
To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—E. S. Jennings.
To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.
On Education—W. H. Wilson, B. L. Olmstead, L. E. Chase.
On Publications—W. D. Kingsley, Ernest Clark, William Kenworthy, A. Bradfield.
On Sunday-schools—D. J. VanAntwerp, Ella Worboys, C. J. Newland, J. G. Fortress.
On Reforms—E. S. Jennings, William Rennie, E. Bills, A. H. Smith.
On Charities—J. Baker, William Hall, F. P. Russell.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—Wilbur G. Worboys, G. W. C. Smith.
On Conference Claims and Claimants—B. R. Jones, W. C. Muffit, H. Montgomery, R. J. McFate, Otis Hoadley.
To Visit Spring Arbor Seminary—The district elders.
On Reporting to the Press—A. Bradfield.
On Home Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.
On Complimentary Resolutions—R. L. Scamehorn, E. N. Foulk.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

F. L. Baker, time expires 1915; W. C. Muffit, time expires 1914; George Laubach, time expires 1913.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

F. L. Baker, chairman; H. Montgomery, secretary; W. C. Muffit, treasurer; Otis Hoadley, R. J. McFate.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Sunday-schools—B. L. Olmstead, *On Publications*—W. C. Muffit,
On Education—D. S. Warner, *On Reforms*—G. H. Peters.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE MINISTERS' MUTUAL AID SOCIETY

W. C. Muffit, president; G. H. Peters, secretary and treasurer; H. D. F. Gaffin, W. D. Kingsley, L. G. Lewis, Leonard Larkins, H. F. Aiken, B. J. Vincent, L. H. Mulholland, J. A. Watson, F. P. Russell, W. B. Olmstead, J. G. Anderson, J. R. Poet, L. C. Fletcher, G. H. Peters, B. R. Jones, S. W. Stone, A. Bradfield, H. Montgomery, J. G. Hudnutt, G. W. C. Smith, S. H. Mathews.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

B. R. Jones, president; W. H. Wilson, secretary; H. Montgomery, treasurer; William Kenworthy, C. J. Newland.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Anna Peters, president; Mrs. Sarah Russell, vice-president; Mattie Percival, corresponding secretary; Mrs. J. Belle Champion, recording secretary; Mrs. Ella Warboys, treasurer; Kate Martin, Alma Shumway, superintendents of Junior work.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

Twenty-five cents a quarter for first three quarters, and an amount sufficient the fourth quarter to meet all general claims; five cents per member for Spring Arbor Seminary, and ten cents a member for Home Missions. All money to be sent to W. C. Muffitt.

ADDRESSES

B. R. Jones, president, 918 Francis street, Jackson, Michigan.
 F. L. Baker, secretary, Spring Arbor, Michigan.
 W. C. Muffitt, treasurer, 681 Trombly avenue, Detroit, Michigan.
 H. Montgomery, Sunday-school secretary, Adrian, Michigan.
 W. H. Wilson, Sunday-school secretary, Spring Arbor, Michigan.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

A. Bradfield.	A. V. Leonardson.	E. N. Foulk.
B. R. Jones.	G. W. C. Smith.	W. D. Kingsley.
R. L. Scamehorn.	J. Baker.	W. A. Hennessey.
F. L. Baker.	G. H. Peters.	E. S. Jennings.
D. J. VanAntwerp.	W. C. Muffitt.	W. H. Wilson.
L. N. Cottrell.	J. R. Poet.	B. L. Olmstead.
P. E. Vincent.	William Rennie.	H. Montgomery.
F. P. Russell.	J. G. Fortress.	J. A. Vore.
C. W. Miller.	J. G. Anderson.	E. H. Hendrix.
George Laubach.	P. C. Kenton.	H. S. Stewart.
D. S. Warner.	Leonard Larkins.	A. R. Hamilton.

DELEGATES

George Flowers.	R. J. McFate.	Robert Woodward.
Harvey Bentley.	Eugene Miller.	Robert Bell.
Frank Houghtby.	L. E. Chase.	Otis Hoadley.
William Hall.	C. J. Newland.	Edmon Bills.
Jacob Eisenman.	William Fincher.	Earnest Clark.
William Kenworthy.	Catherine Brainard.	Herbert TenEyck.
Austin Smith.	Fred Wickwire.	George Hidy.
Ella Warboys.		

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. R. Jones, H. Montgomery, W. C. Muffitt, Otis Hoadley, R. J. McFate.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? David Wells, Wilbur G. Worboys.

4. Who remain on trial? B. J. Harpham.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? J. G. Anderson, E. H. Hendrix, P. C. Kenton.

A. R. Hamilton, Leonard Larkins, B. L. Olmstead.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8. Who have been located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? George Laubach, J. R. Poet.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? A. Bradfield.

P. E. Vincent, G. W. C. Smith, A. V. Leonardson, L. N. Cottrell.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? Benjamin L. Olmstead, from the Illinois conference, and H. S. Stewart, from the Central Illinois conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view, to transfer? J. G. Anderson.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistics.

21. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? Mrs. Julia Sawyer, \$110; A. Bradfield, \$150; G. W. C. Smith, \$125; A. V. Leonardson, \$150; P. E. Vincent, \$150; L. N. Cottrell, \$100.

22, 23. See statistical reports.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At Spring Arbor, Michigan, as near the third Wednesday in August, 1913, as will suit the plan of the one who holds it.

APPOINTMENTS

DETROIT AND SPRING ARBOR DISTRICT—H. MONTGOMERY, District Elder, Adrian, Michigan

Detroit.....W. C. Muffitt, 681 Trombly avenue, Detroit, Michigan
 West Detroit.....Wilbur G. Worboys, Detroit, "
 Ypsilanti and Wayne...C. W. Miller, 522 St. Johns street, Ypsilanti, "
 Texas and Kittles.....B. J. Harpham, R. F. D., New Boston, "
 Carlton and Sumpter.....W. A. Hennesey, Carlton, "
 Milan, Oakville and East Church.....Leonard Larkins, Milan, "
 Temperance, Ida and Whiteford.....F. P. Russell, Temperance, "
 Petersburg, Town Line, Prairie, Ridgway, Holloway and Wellsville
W. E. Hosmer, supply, Petersburg, "
 Adrian.....G. H. Peters, 120 Frank street, Adrian, "
 Blissfield and Madison.....Mary E. Bennett, supply
 Jasper and Seneca.....J. N. Fuller, supply, Jasper, Michigan
 Spring Arbor and Eckford.....F. L. Baker, Spring Arbor, "
 Jackson.....Benjamin L. Olmstead, 307 E. Wilkins street, Jackson, "
 Parma and Albion.....D. J. VanAntwerp, Jackson, "

B. R. Jones, bishop, 918 Francis street, Jackson, Michigan; D. S. Warner, editor of Sunday-school literature, 1132 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois; A. V. Leonardson, Owosso, Michigan; P. E. Vincent, superannuated, Spring Arbor, Michigan; J. R. Poet, Penrose, Colorado, and George Laubach, Toledo, Ohio, supernumerary; E. H. Hendrix, left without appointment according to paragraph 96 of the Discipline, Hemlock, Michigan; H. S. Stewart, principal of Spring Arbor Seminary, Spring Arbor, Michigan.

KALAMAZOO DISTRICT—W. H. WILSON, District Elder, Spring Arbor, Michigan

Kalamazoo.....R. L. Scamehorn, 509 Jasper street, Kalamazoo, Michigan
 Battle Creek.....E. N. Foulk, 22 N. Division street, Battle Creek, "
 Lawrence, Hartford and Decatur.....J. A. Vore, Lawrence, "
 Bainbridge, Pipestone, Watervliet and Keeler....."
J. G. Fortress, R. F. D. 4, Watervliet, "
 Coloma and Sinclair Schoolhouse.....W. D. Kingsley, Coloma, "
 South Haven.....N. M. Cook, supply, 265 Broadway, South Haven, "

A. Bradfield, superannuated, Decatur, Michigan; J. G. Anderson, given certificate of standing with view of transfer; L. N. Cottrell, superannuated, Decatur,

Michigan: W. H. Wilson, member of the Kalamazoo district quarterly conference.

COLDWATER DISTRICT—W. H. WILSON, District Elder

Coldwater, Bethel and Sturgis.....
William Rennie, supply, 145 S. Jefferson street, Coldwater, Michigan
 South Quincy and Algansee...A. R. Hamilton, R. F. D. 5, Coldwater, "
 Sherwood and Athens.....P. C. Kenton, Sherwood, "
 Frontier and Ransom.....E. S. Jennings, Frontier, "
 HillsdaleJ. Baker, 96 McCullem street, Hillsdale, "
 Hudson.....David Wells, Hudson, "
 G. W. C. Smith, superannuated, Coldwater, Michigan.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Josephine Holden, South Quincy, Mrs. Marion B. Rennie, Coldwater,
 Michigan Michigan
 Mrs. L. Bovee.....Detroit, Michigan Mrs. Mary Edinger Bennett, Adrian,
 Michigan

LOCAL ELDERS AND DEACONS

†Lewis E. Chase...Jackson, Michigan *William McKay, Spring Arbor, Michi-
 *James LinnBritton, " gan
 *A. L. DeweyHudson, " †Bernard BoonWayne, Michigan
 †J. N. Boyer.....Quincy, " *A. T. Shumway, Montgomery, Michi-
 †S. A. McGee.....Sunfield, " gan
 *J. N. Fuller.....Jasper, " *L. L. Warner.....Adria, Michigan
 †C. D. Paige.....Quincy, " *Wilbur G. Worboys, Detroit, Michi-
 *Goldsmith Dean ..Hudson, " gan

DEACONESS

Mrs. Clara Lutgen.....2034 W. Monroe street, Chicago, Illinois

CONFERENCE ROLL OF PREACHERS

Year of Admission into Full Connection	Name	Year of Admission into Full Connection	Name
1869.....	A. V. Leonardson	1893.....	W. H. Wilson
1870.....	B. R. Jones	1896.....	L. N. Cottrell
1875.....	A. Bradfield,	1898.....	George Laubach
1877.....	P. E. Vincent	1900.....	D. J. VanAntwerp
1877.....	G. W. C. Smith	1900.....	W. D. Kingsley
1887.....	D. S. Warner,	1902.....	J. R. Poet
1887.....	F. P. Russell	1902.....	P. C. Kenton
1888.....	J. Baker	1905.....	J. G. Fortress
1889.....	R. L. Scamehorn	1907.....	J. A. Vore
1890.....	C. W. Miller	1908.....	E. S. Jennings
1890.....	H. Montgomery	1909.....	J. G. Anderson
1891.....	E. N. Foulk	1909.....	W. A. Hennesey
1892.....	G. H. Peters	1910.....	E. H. Hendrix
1892.....	W. C. Muffitt	1911.....	A. R. Hamilton
1893.....	F. L. Baker	1911.....	Leonard Larkins
1893.....	William Rennie	1911.....	B. L. Olmstead

*Deacons.

†Elders.

MISCELLANEOUS

The forty-eighth annual session was held in the Free Methodist church at Ypsilanti, Michigan, August 21-24, 1912. Five sittings were held. B. R. Jones presided with grace and ability. His addresses to the conference were helpful and encouraging.

The following ministers were introduced to the conference and invited to honorary seats: Claud Watson, of the North Michigan conference, who represented the publishing house; Hiram Burse, of the Ohio conference; N. M. Cook, of the East Michigan conference; Jules Ryff, of the South Africa conference; M. L. Bovee, of the East Michigan conference.

The spirit of liberality was manifest in a marked degree. Over \$700 was raised to clear the debt on the Ypsilanti parsonage; over \$150 for foreign missions, and \$850 besides, providing the board shall see fit or can afford to send out Misses Ida Rice and Alice Evans.

Jules Ryff, our missionary, gave a very interesting account of our work in Africa, and the great need of missionaries and means for their support.

The pastor of the local church, C. W. Miller, with his faithful members, were abundant in labors in looking after the entertainment and welcome of those in attendance at the conference.

Twenty minutes Sunday morning was given to present the need of our school at Spring Arbor, when very nearly \$200 in cash and subscriptions was raised.

On motion, it was ordered that our next session of conference be held at Spring Arbor, as near the third Wednesday in August as the bishop who holds the conference can arrange.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society reported, raised during the year, \$1,253.13. The following appropriations were made, to be paid out of the home mission fund during the coming year: Albion and Parma, \$20; West Detroit, \$25; Carlton and Sumpter, \$10; Petersburg and Town Line, \$10. The conference made a request for \$50 for West Detroit, and \$50 for Albion and Parma, to the general mission board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Apportioned and paid, \$183.06.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—Apportioned and paid, \$407.65.

GENERAL MISSION FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$152.55.

PERMANENT FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$50.85.

CHURCH EXTENSION—Apportioned and paid, \$101.70.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Apportioned and paid, \$12.00.

GENERAL CONFERENCE EXPENSES—Apportioned and paid, \$20.34.

EDUCATIONAL FUND—\$14.76.

CHILDREN'S FUND—\$21.49.

SPRING ARBOR SEMINARY—\$50.85.

RAISED TO PUBLISH THE MINUTES—\$37.10.

CONFERENCE MISSION FUND—\$97.65. Disbursed by treasurer before conference, \$40.00. Disbursed at conference, as follows: Petersburg, Town Line, etc., W. E. Hosmer, \$20; South Haven, N. M. Cook, \$15; Coloma and Sinclair Schoolhouse, W. D. Kingsley, \$12; Jasper, J. N. Fuller, \$10. Balance in treasury, sixty-five cents.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON EDUCATION

The day for optional education has departed. State laws make it compulsory that every child of normal mentality be given at least a common school education. Every station of trust and profession in life makes necessary that we be educated in order to reach competency in our calling. The term "true

education" stands for a good deal, much more than mere intellectual training. Webster says that education comprehends all that series of instruction and discipline which is intended to enlighten the understanding, correct the temper, and form the manners and habits of youth, and fit them for usefulness in their future stations.

The King of Sparta, when asked what we should teach a boy, replied: "What he should know when he grows up." Psychology tells us there are three faculties of the mind or soul: Intellect, sensibility and will. True education comprehends the culture, exercise and discipline of each constituent faculty of the mind. In proportion, as this order of educating is neglected, in the same degree will the character be defective.

Many who are fitted intellectually and placed in positions of trust, stoop to the most questionable business methods, run into graft, and in other ways evidence great weakness of character. Had the moral development been commensurate with the intellectual attainment, the catastrophe which has thrown so many into a profound obscurity would doubtless have been averted.

Secular education has cast into the world many illustrations of this fragmentary manhood, which, in many instances, has proved to be a menace to society. Had they been as familiar with the story of the virtuous Joseph, or the gospel narrative of the abstemious Christ, as they were with Xenophon's "Anabasis," "Bellum Britannicum," or the "Ancient Mariner," they would have been better prepared to meet the temptations that assailed them in their station of responsibility and trust.

The public school has been called the "Principal digestive organ of the body politic." Should we be surprised at the dyspeptic condition of many of the secular schools when we consider the menu or bill of fare indulged in, including higher criticism, evolution, theatrical performances, dancing and other social evils?

The modern craze for expunging the Bible from the public school is a serious departure from primitive simplicity, and invites the world to honorary seat in educational circles that is damaging to faith in the Holy Scriptures, and corrupting to youthful morals.

There are many plain facts that argue in favor of maintaining Christian schools among us. Christian education is essential to a properly developed manhood. The boys and girls who receive their education under the wholesome influence of our Christian institutions have a decided advantage over those who have received their instruction at the secular schools.

We urge upon our people the duty of patronizing the Spring Arbor Seminary, the school of our conference. Through the noble sacrifice of those upon whom devolved the responsibility and management of the school, and the aid of the many patrons, the seminary has enjoyed a fair degree of prosperity during the past years. We are aware it involves a sacrifice on the part of many of our people to place their children at this school, but we believe they will be amply repaid for their sacrifice. Many who have made this effort in the interests of the family, even at a considerable loss financially, testify that they would do the same thing again if necessary.

Spring Arbor Seminary is an important factor in Michigan Free Methodism, and should receive the hearty support of every member of the church by their patronage, by their means and with their prayers. This committee requests that an opportunity be granted at a suitable time during this session of conference in which to present the interests of the Seminary, and solicit funds for the same.

II.—ON PUBLICATIONS

The human mind is the great medium through which man is fitted for his life's work and his eternal destiny is determined. Hence, the need of guarding it against every influence that would weaken its powers or debase its moral conceptions. Realizing that thought is the germ of action, we have need to exercise great care in our choice of reading. And as there are many spurious religious papers, pamphlets and tracts distributed among our Free Methodist people and in various communities, we recommend that every Free

Methodist home patronize the spiritual, pure and intellectual literature published by the Free Methodist Publishing House. And, further, to not patronize our publishing house and to put into our Sunday-schools literature from other publishing houses, is disloyalty in any Free Methodist.

We are highly pleased with the present management and editorship of the *Free Methodist*, whose clean pages are not only self-supporting, but are bringing in some profit to us, and carrying the light to lost souls, and cheer to many pilgrims.

As to our Sunday-school literature, there can be no better, and we thank God there is an increasing demand for it.

Your committee advises our beloved Zion to reject all Sunday editions of the newspaper, and to guard against reading and subscribing for those so-called holiness papers which teach a spurious holiness and oppose church organization and advocate "Millennial Dawnism," of which we would make special mention, and use our own literature in the home and in the Sunday-school. Above all, we would urge a more thoughtful, prayerful and constant study of the **Book** of all Books, the Holy Bible.

And we further advise that all our preachers do not fail in the discharge of the duty in pushing the sale of good books, especially those on holiness, and biographies of such men as Wesley, Fletcher, Baxter, Bramwell, Finney, Redfield and Benjamin Titus Roberts.

III.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The prime object of the Sunday-school is to give a thorough knowledge of God and His Word, and to lead souls to Christ. No department of church work is more important than the Sunday-school, and, if properly conducted, none more productive of good. The future success of the church, as far as human agency is concerned, is dependent upon the children of to-day. How important then that the minds of the young be turned toward God and His cause. If our church continues to be a light in the world, our young people must soon take our places, hence our Sunday-schools should be spiritual. The principles we love, the doctrines we advocate, should be so instilled in the minds of the young, that when we are gone these glorious principles will be perpetuated by them.

The great need of the Sunday-school is not an alliance with all the modern methods employed in the Sunday-school work, but a reliance on the Holy Spirit to teach, not only theory, but experimental and practical godliness. Every society should have a Sunday-school fully equipped with our own literature, some one to superintend it whose heart is in the Sunday-school work; teachers who love the children and who have the salvation of the young at heart. We deplore the lack of interest manifested by many of the older ones in the Sunday-school work. Parents are by no means released of their duty or responsibility to the Sunday-school by sending their children and absenting themselves from this means of grace.

We consider our Sunday-school supplies published by our own publishing house to be the best, cleanest and purest of any in use. We heartily recommend our Light and Life Lesson Leaves as a great help to Bible study. Our Sunday-school papers and helps cannot be excelled.

IV.—ON CHARITIES.

"Pure religion, and undefiled before God and the Father, is this: To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and keep himself unspotted from the world." Thus one important and distinctive characteristic of a holy people is a spirit of sacrifice, the reaching out a helping hand to the needy. The natural result of the reception of the Holy Spirit is a softened, yearning heart that encompasses the needs of the destitute around us. We are reminded of the words of John Wesley, who declared if he died worth more than fifty pounds, we could call him a thief and a robber. His rule was, "Get all you can, save all you can, give all you can."

Thousands of God's creatures are suffering for the necessities of life.

Are we shutting up our bowels of compassion from them? Are we setting apart one-tenth of our earnings, God's financial plan of supporting the work, and helping the poor? Have we learned that it is more blessed to give than to receive? Do we practise self-denial on the line of articles which are positively a needless self-indulgence, and have more to give in helping the poor and needy? Are we as plain in furnishing our houses as we are in dressing our bodies? We are fearful that very much money is expended in fancy dishes and many other useless traps around the home of our people that could be saved and used to help those who are living on the bare necessities in foreign fields.

The Gerry Home and Woodstock Homes are constantly calling for help in caring for the helpless orphans that are brought to their doors. Giving to the poor is a great means of grace. Let us search our hearts and see if we cannot do more in the future than we have in the past.

V.—ON REFORMS

THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC—This is an age of many reforms, and still there are many things that have been the target of the pulpit and pen of the reformers that still wage war on righteousness with unabated fervor, and when you think they are nearly crushed they arise to new strength. It is so with the liquor traffic. Many have thought that it was crushed in this state some time ago, through the Anti-Saloon League, but still the traffic is not crushed, and our boys and girls stand in the way, where temptation spreads her luring snare to make them drunkards. What we need is more energy and more men who are armed with the ballot of an American citizen, and who will say, "Down with the manufacture, down with the sale, down with the treating," and not be satisfied with any compromise, nothing less than abolition of it. This is the greatest church that has ever existed. We are Prohibitionists nearly to a man, but we need to arise and wage war to the finish. Let it be thundered from our pulpits, circulated in our papers, cried out against in the Sunday-school; let our teachers teach against it in our day schools, that alcohol must die. It can be put down. It must be the church that will accomplish its destruction.

If we see its downfall we must sacrifice for it: not only a few dollars to sustain a party or a league, but we must refuse the papers a place on our library tables that will advertise the rum. We must say to the men who court our ballots, "Come over on the side of prohibition and we will vote for you."

TOBACCO—This is one of the reforms in which we stand in the front ranks, but for us to merely keep our members from the use of it is not enough; we need to save the young of the land from this evil that so many churches are only slightly protesting against. Some of them fill their pulpits with ministers who indulge in the habit with their members. Let us show the dangers of the habit in its true light. Let us point out its filth. Let us uncover its secret path to the saloon and brothel. Brethren in the ministry, shall we not do our best to save the people from this evil which destroys the mind and endangers the soul of those who indulge in its use? Let us get the legislature to enact a law that will make the sale of the cigarette a misdemeanor, punishable by law. Let us not compromise the rules of the church in the least.

SECRET ORDERS—One of the serious hindrances to the church is the secret orders under various guises of good, i. e., charity, benevolence and life insurance. They hold many from the church and prayer-meetings, because they are attractive, because of their social influence, and our prayer-meetings hindered because of too much sociability before the service begins. They are taking the money of the working class and only giving back a small portion of what is paid in, but there is no use of our fighting the secret orders unless we, as a church, do the work that God has given us to do, i. e., visiting the sick, caring for the poor, ministering unto the sick and distressed, by sitting up with and nursing the same. We need a reform here by our preachers, class-leaders, stewards and deacons discharging their duty faithfully in this respect. This is

a greater stroke against the secret orders than the fluent sermons of the minister.

EVIL SPEAKING—The thought of speaking evil is so obnoxious to us when we think of it, but its practise is appalling even in our church. We need a reform in the way we speak of the efforts of even our brethren in the ministry. If we belittle their efforts in speaking of them, do we not hinder them in their efficiency? If we cannot say anything good, at least let us save reproof for private talks. Is it not the tendency for us to be more bold in the absence of the party concerned in reference to their action? We ask you to think if you could not reform this part of your conversation. We so many times speak evil in our effort to destroy evil. Let us remember that it is never right to do wrong, whatever the motive. The little things that come up on our circuits would never be so large if all would refrain from evil speaking. The only way we can patch these things is by confession and asking forgiveness, and by making the confession as large as the wound caused by our actions, with ample room for growth since the wound was caused.

DRESS—Over dress and lack of dress is to be deplored. We fear that we can see a little drift in this respect in our midst. The natural tendency to follow the leadership of others is so easily cultivated that we fall into the habit of doing as they do, regardless of our earlier convictions. The low-necked dress is lewd, the broad-brimmed hat ridiculous, the high-heeled shoes unhealthful, and many of the fashions sinful. We will do well to have our articles of dress only such as will meet the approval of the Holy Spirit, and not cause us to feel condemned when in the society of the pilgrims. There is danger of an extreme in this respect, and dressing so untasteful that people are driven from our churches. But that is not from the fault of the plainness of dress, but from the taste of the person. The most beautiful dress is the clean, neat, tidy dress, tastily arranged, and we have several in our midst that to our mind are examples to follow.

CHRISTIAN GIVING—We are pleased to note in this respect that we are not so lame as others as a church. We are doing a great deal for the work, but at the same time we are sorry that we see here and there those who have increased in riches, whose giving has not increased in the same ratio, and in many cases has waned. We believe that the giving of at least a tenth is a Bible doctrine, and that in the adoption of this plan is great reward. We believe that most of our ministers deserve a salary so they can devote their whole time in the work. If they spend only half their time, they can expect only half pay, to be sure, but we do believe the Discipline should be carried out.

READING—There needs to be a special reform in the reading matter that is placed before the minds of the young in our homes. There are so many cheap papers and magazines that are flooding the libraries of many of our homes, and an absence of those that would be beneficial. Let us denounce those papers whose advertisements are not pure, and let us encourage a literature that is clean and uplifting, by our patronage and words of encouragement to the editors.

SABBATH DESECRATION—We deplore the tendency that is abroad in the world to destroy the sanctity of the Sabbath, and that so many are careless of the way they spend their Sabbaths in this respect. We wish that we might be more careful as to the frame of mind we have when we attend the church on those days, not with mind full of worldly things, nor even make worldly things the subject of conversation while there. We urge that our people refrain from the use of street cars and trains only in the cases of extreme necessity, as a means of attending church service.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PREACHER										Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claim-ants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Mis-sions Claims	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Entertainment General Conference
Detroit and Spring Arbor Dist.	Detroit	H. Montgomery, Dist. Elder																							
	Applanti and Wayne	G. H. Peters	100	11	111	2	2	1	15	30	16	8	45 00	\$ 18 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 15 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 10 00
	Battle Creek	C. W. Miller	42	5	47	1	1	2	16	60	8	22 65	8 82	4 90	7 85	4 90	4 90	4 90	4 90	4 90	4 90	4 90	4 90	4 90	4 90
	Lawrence, Hartford, Decatur	E. N. Faulk, supply	44	4	48	1	1	1	8	40	4	14 85	5 94	3 30	3 30	3 30	3 30	3 30	3 30	3 30	3 30	3 30	3 30	3 30	3 30
	Bainbridge, Pipestone, Keeler	Supplied	9	1	10	1	1	1	5	25	1	8 55	3 42	1 90	1 90	1 90	1 90	1 90	1 90	1 90	1 90	1 90	1 90	1 90	1 90
	Colonla, Watervliet, etc.	J. G. Portress	12	1	13	1	1	2	10	60	6	15 30	6 12	3 90	3 90	3 90	3 90	3 90	3 90	3 90	3 90	3 90	3 90	3 90	3 90
	South Haven	L. N. Giffrell	36	1	37	1	1	1	10	50	1	18 00	7 20	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00
Kalamazoo District	Kalamazoo	W. C. Muffitt, District Elder																							
	Battle Creek	R. L. Scamehorn	88	21	109	1	1	1	17	115	19	38 25	15 30	8 50	12 75	8 50	12 75	8 50	12 75	8 50	12 75	8 50	12 75	8 50	12 75
	Lawrence, Hartford, Decatur	E. N. Faulk, supply	44	4	48	1	1	1	8	40	4	14 85	5 94	3 30	3 30	3 30	3 30	3 30	3 30	3 30	3 30	3 30	3 30	3 30	3 30
	Bainbridge, Pipestone, Keeler	Supplied	9	1	10	1	1	1	5	25	1	8 55	3 42	1 90	1 90	1 90	1 90	1 90	1 90	1 90	1 90	1 90	1 90	1 90	1 90
	Colonla, Watervliet, etc.	J. G. Portress	12	1	13	1	1	2	10	60	6	15 30	6 12	3 90	3 90	3 90	3 90	3 90	3 90	3 90	3 90	3 90	3 90	3 90	3 90
	South Haven	L. N. Giffrell	36	1	37	1	1	1	10	50	1	18 00	7 20	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00
Coldwater District	Coldwater and Bethel	W. C. Muffitt, District Elder																							
	South Quincy and Algonsee	William Rennie	49	6	55	1	1	2	11	60	8	22 50	9 00	5 00	10 20	6 80	10 20	6 80	10 20	6 80	10 20	6 80	10 20	6 80	10 20
	Sherwood and Athens	A. R. Hamilton	64	3	67	1	1	2	12	60	10	24 60	12 24	4 86	15 45	4 05	15 45	4 05	15 45	4 05	15 45	4 05	15 45	4 05	15 45
	Sturgis	P. C. Keaton	30	1	31	1	1	1	6	25	3	4 50	1 80	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
	Frontier and Kauson	F. S. Fuller, supply	17	5	22	1	1	1	6	25	3	4 50	1 80	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
	Illisla	F. S. Jennings	40	1	41	1	1	1	6	25	3	4 50	1 80	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
	Hudson	B. Baker	15	1	16	1	1	1	4	20	5	11 25	3 78	2 10	3 10	2 10	3 10	2 10	3 10	2 10	3 10	2 10	3 10	2 10	3 10
		Supplied	13	1	14	1	1	1	4	20	5	11 25	3 78	2 10	3 10	2 10	3 10	2 10	3 10	2 10	3 10	2 10	3 10	2 10	3 10
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STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Mission- ary Claim	Woman's For- eign Missionary Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
Detroit and Spring Arbor Dist.															
Detroit	\$		\$ 296 68	\$ 2 00	\$ 1 50	\$ 118 76	\$ 5 00	\$ 1188 62	\$ 180 00	\$ 165 72	\$ 79 35	1	4000	1	\$ 2500
Ypsilanti			22 00	1 02		16 00	1 50	354 40	120 00	81 09			3500	1	1200
Warren			233 62	2 56		16 00	1 05	362 42	60 00	55 70	3 00	2	2000	1	800
Carleton and Stumpler							2 55	514 43	100 00	54 18	7 05	2	2000	1	1400
Milan, Oakville, East Church							1 60	507 36	60 00	69 06	5 20	2	3000	1	1000
Temperance, Ida and Whiteford	25 00		18 10		5 90	28 39	1 80	340 70	30 25	34 65	11 73	3	2000	1	1000
Petersburg, Town Line, etc.			57 00			63 00	3 55	345 90	120 00	81 26		3	4000	1	2000
Adrian, Blissfield and Madison ..			4 00				1 00	197 06	25 00	36 53		1	1000	1	500
Ridgeway, Holloway, etc.						14 40	80	95 60		36 53		1	1000	1	500
Jasper and Seneca	121 00		103 61	2 50	1 50	80 00	5 00	709 81	72 00	107 22	13 50	1	1000	1	1500
Spring Arbor and Peckford	5 72		14 00	1 50	1 32	61 79	2 80	751 61	130 00	72 34		1	2200	1	1500
Jackson and Parma															
Kalamazoo District															
Kalamazoo	200 00		243 18	4 00	2 50	180 89	4 25	944 23	180 00	127 00	44 00	1	4500	1	2700
Battle Creek			23 21	1 50	1 50	53 00	1 65	658 47	144 00	43 70	30 00	1	3000	1	700
Lawrence, Hartford, Decatur ..						20 00	95	96 77	48 00	19 60	23 30	4	2000	1	1000
Bainbridge, Pipestone, Keeler ..			12 25			40 00	1 70	491 00	75 00	33 50		2	1400	1	1200
Oshtemo, Watervliet, etc.						58 92	2 00	490 54	100 00	34 40		1	1200	1	1400
South Haven															
Coldwater District															
Coldwater and Bethel			50 00		3 80	45 41	2 50	336 53	120 00	57 75	100 00	2	4850	1	1600
South Quincy and Aigansee	28 00					15 00	3 40	515 21	60 00	92 35	5 50	2	1800	1	700
Sherwood and Athens							1 35	285 09	72 00	32 00		1	1000	1	1000
Sturgis			31 05			31 05	1 90	709 99	60 00	35 35		2	2000	1	1000
Franklin and Ransom	20 00					23 56	1 05	634 39	120 00	30 00	10 00	2	3000	1	1000
Hillsdale	10 00					4 78	1 25	246 33	88 00	20 00	15 80	1	1000	1	1000
Hudson								152 00		27 05		1	1000	1	1000
Total	\$413 72	\$ 1077 65	\$ 14 78	\$ 21 49	\$ 891 08	\$50 85	10547 43	\$ 361 18	\$ 45	\$ 57350 23	\$ 27700				

KANSAS CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Forty-third Annual Session, held at
Topeka, Kansas, September 11-15, 1912

OFFICERS

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COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—Wilson T. Hogue, A. Neil, A. L. Crumley.
On State of the Work—J. L. Phillippi, J. S. Ogg, A. Neil.
On Education—E. R. Ford, S. F. Wilson, Frank I. Pickering.
On Reforms—H. S. Dye, R. B. Sherwood, Ira Putney.
On Publications—E. C. Lindley, J. L. Boettcher, C. A. Keith.
On Sunday-schools—H. S. Dye, S. V. Coe, William Swickard, Henry Pyle.
On Charities—S. V. Coe, R. B. Sherwood, M. F. Kinkade.
On Quarterly Conference Records—William Buchanan, S. F. Wilson, E. W. Cleland.
To Collect Funds to Publish Minutes—C. A. Keith.
To Publish Minutes—E. C. Lindley, E. R. Ford, A. L. Crumley.
On Press Correspondence—Frank I. Pickering.
On Resolutions—E. R. Ford, S. V. Coe, E. R. Williams.
To Audit the Treasurer's Books—Wm. Buchanan, C. B. Jones.
On Ministerial Relations and Efficiency—A. L. Crumley, H. S. Dye, J. L. Phillippi, M. Kibler, A. H. Harnley, M. F. Kinkade.
On Claimants and Claims—W. T. Hogue, J. L. Phillippi, J. S. Ogg, M. Kibler, C. B. Jones.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

L. C. Cookson, five years; M. Kibler, four years; E. R. Ford, secretary, three years; J. L. Phillippi, two years; A. Neil, president, one year.

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J. L. Phillippi, five years; A. Neil, secretary, four years; J. S. Ogg, president, three years; William Buchanan, two years; J. A. Chaney, one year.

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A. Neil, president; J. L. Phillippi, secretary; J. S. Ogg, E. C. Lindley.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions, Home Missions; second quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Foreign Missions, Conference Entertainment; third quarter, Church Extension, Permanent Fund, General Conference Entertainment (2 cents); fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Sunday-schools—E. R. Ford,
On Reforms—H. S. Dye,

On Charities—J. A. Manning.
On Publications—A. L. Crumley.

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A. L. Crumley.

CONFERENCE TREASURER

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OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

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DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

S. F. Wilson,
 A. Neil,
 J. L. Phillippi,
 W. W. Harris,
 J. A. Chaney,
 Robert Sherwood,
 S. R. Sayre,
 J. S. Ogg,
 Luke Scripture.

G. G. Pritchard,
 S. V. Green,
 C. L. Fike,
 J. A. Manning,
 E. R. Ford,
 H. S. Dye,
 F. S. Atwell,
 H. J. Whitney,
 J. L. Boettcher.

Walter Scott,
 A. S. Ford,
 William Buchanan,
 E. G. Cooper,
 E. C. Lindley,
 S. V. Coe,
 C. H. Jerome,
 A. L. Crumley,
 C. H. Southworth.

DELEGATES

Mrs. M. E. Coy,
 Edythe Lindley,
 C. B. Jones,
 Lovona Parsons,
 E. W. Cleland,
 Anna Winant,
 Henry Pyle,
 Chester A. Keith,
 Claude Lowe,
 John Eisenhour.

Ira V. Putney,
 F. A. Brainard,
 Mrs. R. A. Kring,
 A. H. Faley,
 S. P. C. Hastings,
 M. Kibler,
 W. A. Higgins,
 Charles Shannon,
 Frank I. Pickering.

W. B. Tipton,
 E. W. Neil,
 A. H. Harnley,
 Wesley Long,
 W. M. Swickard,
 E. C. Gardner,
 E. R. Williams,
 C. C. Grey,
 M. F. Kinkade.

2. Who are the stationing committee? Wilson T. Hogue, J. L. Phillippi, A. Neil,* J. S. Ogg, M. Kibler, M. F. Kinkade, C. B. Jones.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? C. L. Wright, Nellie Haskin.
4. Who remain on trial? J. Hulet, W. H. Stackhouse, G. W. Sluthour,
- F. E. Bonham, J. W. Myer, P. J. Postlewait, A. M. Linhart.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.
6. Who are the deacons? A. S. Ford, Robert Sherwood, H. S. Dye, H. J. Whitney, J. L. Boettcher.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.
8. Who have located this year? None.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? Luke Scripter, A. S. Ford.

*A. L. Crumley served in place of A. Neil, who was absent on account of sickness.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? S. V. Green, G. G. Pritchard, W. W. Harris, C. H. Jerome, E. G. Cooper, S. R. Sayre, C. H. Southworth.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? A. M. Linhart, Texas conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? Walter Scott.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer? F. S. Atwell.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of our preachers? G. G. Pritchard, \$100; S. V. Green, \$45; E. G. Cooper, \$45; C. H. Jerome, \$90; W. W. Harris, \$150; Elizabeth T. Watson, \$150; Hazel Grace Root and Myron Root, \$25 each; two children of Fred Scott, \$25 each; two children of J. W. Buckner, \$10 each.

22, 23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall the next session of the conference be held? The elders were made a committee to choose the location. The time fixed was the second Wednesday in August, or as near that date as is consistent with the plans of the bishop.

APPOINTMENTS

CLAY CENTER DISTRICT—J. L. PHILLIPPI, District Elder, Navarre, Kansas

Clay Center R. T. Littler, supply
Washington, Hawkeye and Plainview Schoolhouse.....

.....Preacher in charge to be supplied, Nellie Robison, supply
Frankfort, Antioch and Vliets..... P. J. Postlewait
Manhattan and Keats..... H. S. Dye

Alma Nellie Haskin

Junction City G. W. Sluthour, Dora Sluthour, supply

Jeffcoat, Green Ridge and Storm Center... J. L. Boettcher, L. C. Cookson, supply

Solomon R. B. Sherwood

Salina, Old Stone, Gypsum and Chapel Hill..... A. M. Linhart

Minneapolis and Concord Center..... J. W. Myer, Florence Myer, supply

C. L. Fike, student in Greenville, College; C. H. Southworth, superannuated; E. C. Lindley, allowed to supply work at Orleans, Nebraska; Luke Scripter, supernumerary.

EMPORIA DISTRICT—J. S. Ogg, District Elder

Emporia and Americus..... E. R. Ford

Climax, Eureka and Twin Falls..... C. E. Bess, supply

Union To be supplied

Neosho Rapids..... To be supplied

Iola and Bronson..... C. L. Wright, A. J. Marr, supply

Pittsburg, Roseland and Center Valley..... H. J. Whitney

Girard To be supplied

S. V. Green, G. G. Pritchard, C. H. Jerome, superannuated; Walter Scott, withdrawn from conference and church under complaint for violation of Discipline relating to marriage and divorce; J. S. Ogg, member of Emporia district quarterly conference.

WICHITA DISTRICT—J. S. Ogg, District Elder

Wichita F. E. Bonham

Winfield G. L. Caughron, supply

Arkansas City J. E. Hulet

Bethel Luther Lindley, supply
 Caldwell and Doster..... H. M. Brandt, supply
 Matfield Green and Jackson Schoolhouse..... M. D. Harbour, supply
 McPherson and Marion..... To be supplied

S. R. Sayre, E. G. Cooper, superannuated; A. S. Ford, J. A. Chaney, supernumerary; F. S. Atwell, given certificate of standing with a view to transfer.

LAWRENCE DISTRICT—A. NEIL, District Elder

Lawrence D. B. Williams, supply
 Kansas City..... J. A. Manning
 Life Line Rescue Mission S. V. Coe, Kate Coe, matron
 Leavenworth Mission To be supplied
 Topeka A. L. Crumley

W. W. Harris, superannuated; A. Neil, member Lawrence district quarterly conference.

OTTAWA DISTRICT—A. NEIL, District Elder

Ottawa To be supplied
 Harmony, Old Union and Centropolis..... William Buchanan
 Michigan, Mt. Zion and Scranton..... W. L. Coy and Martha Coy, supplies
 Agricola, Glenwood and Plymouth..... W. H. Stackhouse
 Olathe F. V. and Ida Ingersoll, supplies

S. F. Wilson, supernumerary.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF PREACHERS WITH THEIR ADDRESSES

Bess, C. E.....	Climax, Kansas	Ingersoll, F. V.....	Olathe, Kansas
Boettcher, J. L., Talmage, R. F. D., Kansas		Jerome, C. H.....	Lakin, "
Brandt, H. M.....	Caldwell, Kansas	Lindley, Edward C.....	Orleans, Nebraska
Bonham, F. E., 1104 Anderson avenue, Wichita, Kansas		Lindley, Luther O., Rose Hill, Kansas	
Buchanan, William, R. F. D., Baldwin, Kansas		Linhart, A. M.....	Gypsum, "
Coughran, G. L., 818 6th street, Winfield, Kansas		Littler, R. T.....	Clay Center, "
Coe, S. V., 711 Osage, Kansas City, Kansas		Myer, J. W. (Florence Myer), Minneapolis, Kansas	
Cookson, L. C.....	Wakefield, Kansas	Marrs, A. J.....	Elmore, Kansas
Crumley, A. L., 1106 Lime street, Topeka, Kansas		Manning, J. A., 2715 Tremont street, Kansas City, Kansas	
Cooper, E. G.....	Wichita, Kansas	Neil, Andrew	Clay Center, Kansas
Chaney, J. A.....	Wichita, "	Ogg, J. S., 18 Constitution, Emporia, Kansas	
Coy, W. L.....	Scranton, "	Phillippi, J. L.....	Navarre, Kansas
Dye, H. S.....	Manhattan, "	Postlewait, P. J.....	Frankfort, "
Fike, C. L.....	Greenville, Illinois	Pritchard, G. G.....	LaCygne, "
Ford, A. S.....	Florida	Robison, Nellie	Hanover, "
Ford, E. R., 2 South State street, Emporia, Kansas		Sherwood, R. B.....	Solomon, "
Green, S. V.....	Emporia, Kansas	Scripter, Luke	Herrington, "
Hoskin, Nellie Alma, "		Sluthour, G. W. (Dora Sluthour), 1225 Fran, Junction City, Kansas	
Hulet, J. E., 601 N. 5th street, Arkansas City, Kansas		Southworth, C. H., White Haven, Pa.	
Harris, W. W.....	Lawrence, Kansas	Sayre, S. R.....	
Harbour, M. D., Matfield Green, "		Stackhouse, W. H.....	Agricola, Kansas
Williams, D. B.....	Lawrence, Kansas	Whitney, H. J.....	Roseland, "
		Wright, C. L., 302 North 4th street, Iola, Kansas	
		Wilson, S. F.....	Ottawa, Kansas

LOCAL ELDERS

Ira Putney	Wichita, Kansas	George Palmer ..	Leavenworth, Kansas
H. D. Kelley.....	Scranton, "	A. Siebert	Abilene, "
R. T. Littler.....	Clay Center, "	C. C. Cox.....	Louisburg, "

LOCAL DEACONS

N. S. Surface.....	Lyndon, Kansas	D. B. Williams.....	Topeka, Kansas
H. M. Brandt.....	Caldwell, "	John Fridley	Alma, "
N. W. Hamilton.....	Gas, "	W. S. Place, R. F. D. No. 2.	Reading, "
W. E. Huff.....	Solomon, "		Kansas
	F. V. Ingersoll.....	Olathe, Kansas	

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Miss Lillie Southworth, Solomon, Kan-	Mrs. Florence Myer, Minneapolis, Kan-
sas	sas
Mrs. Ida Shires.....Emporia, Kansas	Miss Florence Jolly, Minneapolis, Kan-
Mrs. Dora Sluthour, Junction City, Kansas	sas
Mrs. Alice Atwell....Wichita, Kansas	Miss Ada Hubbard, Emporia, Kansas
Mrs. Nellie Winans, Manhattan, Kan-	Mrs. Ida Ingersoll....Olathe, "
sas	Mrs. Fannie Lyman.....Toia, "
	Miss Etta Chillson.....Alma, "
	Mrs. Loisa Wilson, Ottawa, Kansas

LOCAL PREACHERS

G. W. Parkman.....	Emporia, Kansas	C. L. Helvey..	Soldiers' Home, Kansas
G. M. Duvall.....	Liberty, "	A. T. Foster.....	Caldwell, "
Wm. Swickard	Topeka, "	M. D. Harbour, Matfield Green, Kan-	
Luther Lindley....	Rose Hill, "	sas	
George Wright	Climax, "	C. E. Bess.....	Climax, Kansas
A. J. Marrs.....	Elsmore, "	R. C. Harrington..	Trimball, Missouri
C. L. McElfresh....	Emporia, "	L. C. Cookson.....	Wakefield, Kansas
G. G. Bignall	Lawrence, "	A. B. Wilson.....	Oswego, "
H. E. Lee.....	Herrington, "	C. W. Lowe.....	Caldwell, "
E. S. Slifer.....	Frankfort, "	Frank Trotter ..	Kansas City, "
	L. V. McMillan....	Solomon, Kansas	

DEACONESS

Mrs. Kate Coe, 711 Osage avenue, Kansas City, Kansas.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. M. E. Coy.....	Scranton, Kansas	Eunice Cowgill	Emporia, Kansas
Mrs. M. E. Harris..	Lawrence, "	Mrs. Mabel Sherwood, Solomon, Kan-	
Mary Shellare	Wichita, "	sas	
Mrs. Alberta Bonham, Wichita, "		Minta Williams	Wichita, Kansas
Mrs. Lillie Coghill...Topeka, "		Mrs. A. E. Nichols....	Eudora, "
Mrs. R. E. McWade, Kansas City, Kan-		Mrs. Margaret Witchey, Topeka, Kan-	
sas		sas	
Mrs. Ardilla Lindley, Rose Hill, Kan-		Mrs. R. A. Kring, Leavenworth, Kansas	
sas		W. L. Coy.....	Scranton, "
A. Wegley	Emporia, Kansas	F. E. Putney	Wichita, "

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL MISSIONS—Paid, \$128.70; deficit, \$1.95.
 CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Paid, \$159.95; deficit, \$14.25.
 BISHOPS' SALARIES—Paid, \$147.34; deficit, \$9.44.
 CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—Paid, \$81.98; deficit, \$5.12.
 CHURCH EXTENSION—Paid \$76.10; deficit, \$11.00.
 PERMANENT FUND—Paid, \$36.87; deficit, \$6.68.
 GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—Paid, \$29.48; deficit, \$5.36.
 CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—Paid, \$367.42; deficit, \$24.53.
 TOTAL DEFICIT—\$78.33.

(This deficit was provided for at this session of the conference).—SECRETARY.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—\$36.87.
 EDUCATIONAL FUND—\$3.78.
 CHILDREN'S FUND—\$8.99.
 AMOUNT RAISED TO PUBLISH THE MINUTES—\$32.85.
 AMOUNT RAISED FOR THE "ROBERTS MONUMENT FUND"—\$19.03.
 SUNDAY MORNING COLLECTION (to cover deficit)—\$56.83.
 SUNDAY EVENING COLLECTION FOR THE PASTOR—\$11.15.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS

The Sunday-school has, through the past, been a great means of and source of knowledge pertaining to things divine. All persons should avail themselves of the opportunity of attending this means of grace and source of knowledge, as it has been fitly said by one, "All the church in the Sunday-school, and all the school in the church." It is therefore the sense of this committee that it is the duty of the church to,

First. Earnestly pray for the success of the Sunday-school.

Second. Seek out those who are not attending elsewhere, and if possible, persuade them to attend ours; and

Third. If possible, be present every Sabbath, striving to make the Sunday-school a success.

We observe that in some places our Sunday-schools are on the decline, which we are sorry to acknowledge. Some of the reasons, we fear, are as follows:

1. Lack of courtesy and friendliness on the part of the superintendent; strangers and visitors are not invited to take a place in the various classes, being allowed to sit throughout the entire service, apparently unnoticed.

2. The teachers are not sufficiently interested in their classes; they also fail to interest the classes in them.

We earnestly request the district elders to interest themselves in the Sunday-school work over their respective districts. We also request the pastors to be more diligent in attending the Sunday-school regularly, and assisting in every way possible, to maintain and advance the interest in the same, also organizing new Sunday-schools wherever practicable.

We would advise further, in order to advance the interest of the Sunday-schools throughout the conference, that the districts elect a district Sunday-school secretary on each district, who shall devise plans to carry on the Sunday-school work of their respective districts.

The Home Department and Cradle Roll work could be made a good feeder to both the Sunday-school and the church, and we would insist that this work be taken up as soon as possible after conference. For this purpose we further advise that every Sunday-school shall take a collection during the first quarter of the ensuing conference year, thus making it possible to furnish literature for this work.

In conclusion, we trust each one, from the district elder down to the least child, will put forth the best effort to make the Sunday-school in the Kansas conference a grand success.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE KANSAS CONFERENCE

CLAY CENTER, EMPORIA AND IOLA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claim-ants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Mis-sions Claims	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Entertainment General Conference
Clay Center District																
J. L. Phillippi, District Elder																
Solomon and Salina	S. F. Wilson	61	14	75	2	1	1	1	9	110	\$ 22.50	\$ 9.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 7.50	\$ 5.00	\$ 2.00
Manhattan and Keosauqua	Babin, Speer, Lindley	39	11	50	1	1	1	1	8	43	13.95	5.58	6.20	4.65	3.10	1.24
Manhattan, Clay Center, and Concord	R. W. Shepard	32	1	33	1	1	1	1	18	35	13.50	5.48	10.80	5.40	3.60	1.44
Minneapolis and Concord Center	J. W. Meyer	32	1	33	1	2	1	1	11	28	12.00	5.40	10.80	4.00	3.00	1.20
Frankford, Antioch and Vileta	P. J. Postlewait	33	9	42	1	1	1	1	10	43	12.55	4.80	5.40	4.00	3.00	1.20
Washington, Hawkeye, etc.	J. L. Phillippi	24	1	25	1	1	1	1	16	23	9.90	3.98	6.60	3.30	2.20	1.10
Alma	Neille Haskins	7	1	8	1	1	1	1	1	15	3.60	1.44	1.60	1.20	.80	.32
Chapel Hill, Gypsum, etc.	J. L. Phillippi	5	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	16	3.60	1.44	1.60	1.20	.80	.32
Storm Center	J. L. Phillippi	16	1	17	1	1	1	1	7	20	7.65	3.06	5.10	2.00	1.70	.68
Clay Center	J. L. Phillippi	5	1	6	1	1	1	1	7	20	7.65	3.06	5.10	2.00	1.70	.68
Emporia District																
J. S. Ogg, District Elder																
Emporia	C. H. Jerome	63	6	69	1	3	1	25	85	16	31.50	12.60	14.00	10.50	7.00	2.80
Union, Americus, Plymouth,	J. S. Ogg	18	1	19	1	1	1	5	20	2	4.80	4.32	4.80	3.60	1.24	1.20
Climax, Eureka and Twin Falls	G. L. Coughron	27	2	29	1	1	1	1	30	4	23.50	5.40	6.00	4.50	3.00	1.20
Neosha Rapids	J. S. Ogg	3	1	4	1	1	1	1	3	1	7.65	3.06	5.10	2.00	1.70	.68
Iola District																
J. S. Ogg, District Elder																
Iola	H. S. Dye	59	5	64	2	2	1	12	71	9	15.41	11.16	18.60	9.30	6.20	2.48
Grard, Pittsburg, Roseland	J. S. Ogg	14	2	16	1	1	1	9	45	7	4.52	2.50	3.60	2.70	1.00	40
Center Valley, Mound Valley, etc.	M. D. Harbour	15	1	16	2	1	1	6	24	1	8.80	1.80	3.00	1.50	1.00	40

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE KANSAS CONFERENCE—CONTINUED
WICHITA, LAWRENCE AND OTTAWA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claims	General Missions	Church Extension and Aid Society	Entertainment General Conference
Wichita District																
	J. S. Ogg, District Elder															
Wichita	F. S. Atwell	56	3	59	2	2	1	8	60	7	26 55	10 62	11 80	8	5 90	2 36
Winfield and Arkansas City	J. E. Hinet	25	6	31	3	1	2	15	90	6	13 05	5 22	3 60	4 25	2 90	1 16
Caldwell and Doster	F. L. Virts	23	2	25	3	1	1	1	1	5	4 05	3 20	3 60	4 70	1 80	1 80
Matfield Green, etc.	J. S. Ogg	7	1	8	1	1	1	1	1	2	3 15	1 26	1 40	1 05	1 70	28
Marion and McPherson	J. S. Ogg	16	1	17	1	1	1	1	1	2	4 50	3 60	4 00	3 00	1 70	28
Lawrence District																
	A. Neil, District Elder															
Lawrence	A. Neil	30	1	31	1	1	1	5	25	6	8 98	6 12	6 80	5 10	3 40	1 36
Kansas City	C. L. Wright	27	1	28	2	1	1	12	53	4	12 60	5 04	5 60	4 20	2 80	1 12
Life Line Rescue Mission	S. V. Coe	11	6	17	1	1	1	7	106	1	1 80	72	80	60	40	16
Leavenworth	W. H. Stackhouse	20	7	27	1	1	1	5	30	6	11 25	4 50	5 00	3 75	2 50	1 00
Topeka	A. L. Crumley	44	2	46	1	3	1	11	50	8	22 05	8 82	9 80	7 35	4 90	1 96
Ottawa District																
	A. Neil, District Elder															
Ottawa	E. R. Ford	34	11	45	1	1	1	16	84	12	13 95	5 58	6 20	4 55	3 10	1 24
Harmony, Old Union, etc.	Wm. Buchanan	28	2	30	3	1	2	12	50	8	13 50	5 40	6 00	4 50	3 00	1 20
Michigan Valley, Mt. Zion, etc.	J. L. Roettcher	28	2	30	3	1	2	12	50	8	13 50	5 40	6 00	4 50	3 00	1 20
Agricola and Glenwood	D. B. Williams	42	7	49	1	1	1	15	60	10	17 10	6 84	7 00	5 70	3 80	1 52
Olathe	W. L. Coy	13	7	20	1	2	1	6	21	1	1 68	1 98	3 30	1 65	1 10	44
Total		864	97	961	26	25	30	260	1217	201	\$ 346 43	\$153 12	\$181 70	\$128 15	\$ 80 54	\$ 32 70

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE KANSAS CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CLAY CENTER, EMPORIA AND IOLA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Delegates to Gen-eral Conference	Foreign Mission-ary Claim	Woman's For-eign Missionary Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re-ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson-age Property
Clay Center District															
Solomon and Salina.....	\$ 42 00	5 00	22 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 5 01	\$ 44 12	\$ 2 50	\$ 542 44	\$ 100 00	70 00	\$ 75 00	10	\$ 2300	1	\$ 1500
Mandattian and Keosauqua.....	5 00		64 10			36 60	1 52	354 85	180 00	61 52	75 00	1	2000		2000
Manhattan and Keosauqua.....			30 00	30 00	1 55	27 70	1 50	511 68	60 00	52 38	21 75	1	2000	1	2000
Minneapolis and Concord Center.....	16 10		30 00			20 76	1 32	318 20	84 00	55 02	4 00	2	2000	1	1000
Frankford, Attoch and Viets.....	27 00		12 35			10 13	1 10	549 55	60 00	65 00	180 43	2	2000	1	1000
Washington, Hawkeye, etc.....			5 40	2 50		10 01	1 10	74 75	96 00	34 45		1	1500	1	650
Alma.....			43 40			10 01	40	201 47		25 18	5 97	1	2000	1	1000
Chapel Hill, Gypsum, etc.....			6 00			12 00	20			36 37	8 00			1	350
Storm Center.....						9 00	82			35 00	16 00				
Clay Center.....							15			19 35		1	1400	1	600
Emporia District															
Emporia.....	6 00		90 49		3 50	68 62	3 50	489 94	120 00	76 30	40 00	1	700	1	1200
Union, Americus, Plymouth.....						10 00	50			36 79		1	1000	2	750
Climax, Eureka and Twin Falls.....	11 30					16 26	1 50	289 70	48 00	40 84	32 00	1	1200	1	300
Neosha Rapids.....												1	1000	1	300
Iola District															
Iola.....	14 00		7 10		1 59	33 80	3 10	303 95	60 00	68 86	23 00	1	1200	1	500
Girard.....					20 72		50	74 70	35 00	46 50		3	2400	2	700
Center Valley, Mound Valley, etc.....						8 80		220 37	48 00	50 50	4 00			1	500

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE KANSAS CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

WICHITA, LAWRENCE AND OTTAWA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Mis- sion- ary Claim	Woman's For- eign Mis- sionary Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
Wichita District															
Wichita			36 00			32 00	2 95	450 00	120 00	64 00	8 91	1	3000	1	1000
Windell			16 43	2 78		42 60	1 45	411 73	100 00	71 00	22 45	1	2500	2	1000
Windsor			20 32				90	230 56	60 00	50 44			1200	1	500
Matfield Green, etc.							35			29 89				1	600
Marton and McPherson.....										30 90			1000	2	700
Lawrence District															
Lawrence		50	27 76	1 00	2 28	24 38	1 70		120 00	45 00	6 40	1	1000	1	1500
Kearney					1 00		1 40	404 00		50 00					
Life Line Rescue Mission						27 97	20	385 01		36 00	45 15				
Leavenworth	12 75		2 00		25	12 00	1 25	250 15	60 00	40 75	20 56				
Topeka	2 27		25 54			38 73	2 45	425 20	100 00	55 00		1	2000	1	1200
Ottawa District															
Ottawa			9 89		1 75	65 05	1 55	400 00	96 00	00 16	128 04	1	1500	1	1000
Harmony						4 81	1 50	227 22	25 00	36 00			2000	1	400
Michigan Valley, Mt. Zion, etc.						25 00	1 50	246 44	82 80	51 00			1000		
Agricola and Glenwood	1 50		26 50		1 35	14 00	1 90	263 00		65 00	77 05	1	1000	1	400
Olathe						9 55		197 96		25 00	12 95				
Total	\$144 42	\$ 437 28		\$ 38 28	\$ 38 75	\$ 593 95	\$ 39 80	\$ 7802 64	\$1554 80	\$1486 19	\$ 737 36	34	\$ 40800	30	\$ 29250

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirty-eighth Annual Session, held at Chetek, Wisconsin, September 18-22, 1912

OFFICERS

B. WINGET, *President*
J. WALTER JONES, *Secretary* C. SIGGELKOW, *Assistant Secretary*
E. N. HAWLEY, *Statistical Secretary* H. W. HILLS, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—B. Winget, C. W. Carnes, G. H. Simpson.
To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.
To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—E. A. Wolfe, Mrs. Alice Davis.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—G. W. Endicott, Mattie Stoll, Jessie McMurry.
On Missions—E. N. Hawley, Mrs. Mary C. Roberts, Lisa M. Saugstad, Mrs. Emma Coffrin.
On Publications—H. W. Hills, Oscar Johnson, E. O. Dietzman.
On Education—D. O. Dietzman, F. S. Kamm, A. W. Gillingham, G. H. Simpson.
On Sabbath-schools—W. B. Good, J. W. Kendall, Mrs. Minnie Flint, Ida Johnson.
On Reforms—C. W. Carnes, F. F. Wolfe, Howard Robinson, John Crandell.
On State of the Work—A. J. Damon, C. W. Carnes, E. J. Roberts, A. W. Gillingham, Oscar Johnson.
On Complimentary Resolutions—E. J. Roberts, J. W. Jones, William Bell.
On Pastoral Visitation—J. W. Kendall, J. B. Coffrin, August Friday.
On Charities—G. L. Pound, A. D. Gillett, Mrs. Eunice Alderman.
On Prohibition—J. Turgeson, C. Siggelkow, It. S. Peckham.
On Claims and Claimants—B. Winget, C. W. Carnes, E. J. Roberts, A. J. Damon, A. W. Gillingham, Oscar Johnson, William Bell.
To Visit Evansville Seminary—A. J. Damon, E. N. Hawley.
On Nominations—C. W. Carnes, E. J. Roberts, A. J. Damon.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

<i>On Education</i> —G. W. Endicott,	<i>On Charities</i> —Mattie E. Stoll,
<i>On Missions</i> —F. F. Wolfe,	<i>On Prohibition</i> —J. B. Coffrin,
<i>On Reforms</i> —J. W. Kendall,	<i>On Pastoral Visitations</i> —Mrs. A. G.
<i>On State of the Work</i> —E. J. Roberts,	Moore,
<i>On Sabbath-schools</i> —D. G. Jones,	<i>To Visit Evansville Seminary</i> —H. W.
<i>On Publications</i> —J. Turgeson,	Hills, C. Siggelkow.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

E. J. Roberts, president, time expires 1915; C. W. Carnes, secretary, time expires 1913; A. J. Damon, time expires 1914.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

E. J. Roberts, president, time expires 1914; E. N. Hawley, secretary; J. Turgeson, time expires 1915; D. O. Dietzman, C. L. Franz, time expires 1913.

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY BOARD

C. W. Carnes, president; Thomas Charmley, time expires 1913; E. N. Hawley, secretary, time expires 1915; J. Turgeson, Oscar Johnson, time expires 1914.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

A. J. Damon, president; E. N. Hawley, secretary, time expires 1914; J. Turgeson, A. W. Gillingham, time expires 1915; G. L. Pound, time expires 1913.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

November, General Missions, Church Extension Fund; February, Bishops' Salaries; April, Home Missions (20 cents), General Conference Entertainment (2 cents), Delegates' Expenses to General Conference (3 cents); June, Evansville Seminary Fund (10 cents); August, Permanent Fund, Conference Claimants' Fund.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Mary C. Roberts, president, 422 East Conant street, Portage, Wisconsin; Mrs. Florence Pate, vice-president, Necedah, Wisconsin; Mrs. Mable Wolfe, corresponding secretary, Granton, Wisconsin; Miss Helen J. Dryer, treasurer, Reedsburg, Wisconsin; Miss Mattie Stoll, superintendent Junior work, Baraboo, Wisconsin; Miss Nettie Carnes, librarian, Chetek, Wisconsin.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

W. P. Plant,
L. B. Webb,
F. F. Wolfe,
D. G. Jones,
E. J. Roberts,
F. S. Kamm,
J. Turgeson,
J. B. Coffrin,
C. Siggelkow.

E. N. Hawley,
E. O. Dietzman,
H. W. Hills,
E. A. Wolfe,
G. W. Endicott,
G. L. Pound,
A. J. Damon,
A. L. Whitcomb,

C. W. Carnes,
W. L. Meikle,
C. A. Cusick,
D. O. Dietzman,
J. W. Kendall,
Herbert L. Smith,
W. B. Good,
A. D. Gillett.

[Women evangelists having a seat in this conference: Lisa M. Saugstad, Mattie E. Stoll].

DELEGATES

Mrs. James Flint,
Mrs. Emma Coffrin,
Ida Johnson,
Jessie McMurry,
August Friday,

William Bell,
J. W. Jones,
Mrs. Eunice Alderman,
Oscar Johnson,
Mrs. Alice Davis.

A. W. Gillingham,
Howard Robinson,
Mrs. M. C. Roberts,
Mrs. Louise Pierce,

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. Winget, E. J. Roberts, C. W. Carnes, A. J. Damon, O. Johnson, A. W. Gillingham, William Bell.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Mattie E. Stoll.

4. Who remain on trial? R. S. Peckham, Mrs. Aurelia G. Moore, G. H. Simpson.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? J. B. Coffrin, D. G. Jones, J. W. Kendall, W. B. Good.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? W. Plant, E. O. Dietzman, L. B. Webb.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? C. A. Cusick, A. D. Gillett.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? None.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? A. L. Whitcomb; W. H. Winters, to the Minnesota and Northern Iowa conference; A. E. Knaak, to the North Minnesota conference.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? A. D. Gillett, \$100; C. A. Cusick, \$100; Mrs. Eliza Thomson, \$25; Mrs. E. Z. Thwing, \$100; Mrs. Mary L. Coleman, \$150.

22, 23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? Place left to be decided by the district elder; time to be as near the middle of September as convenient with the plans of the bishops.

MISCELLANEOUS

The thirty-eighth session of the Wisconsin conference was held at Chetek, Wisconsin, September 18-22, 1912. While we were disappointed in not having our beloved Bishop B. R. Jones with us, we were pleased with the substitute, Rev. B. Winget. His presence, sermons and addresses were an inspiration. A spirit of harmony prevailed during the entire session.

Miss Edith F. Jones, a returned missionary from China; Rev. B. D. Fay, of the Illinois conference; Rev. J. A. Bolton, of the Ohio conference; Rev. C. T. Morrison, local pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, were introduced to the conference and invited to honorary seats.

At the missionary meeting on Sunday, Miss Jones gave a very interesting address. Over \$250 was raised in cash and subscriptions.

C. W. Carnes, district elder, G. H. Simpson, pastor, and the local society were abundant in labors, providing entertainment for all.

APPOINTMENTS

NORTHERN DISTRICT—C. W. CARNES, District Elder, Chetek, Wisconsin

Humbird and Augusta.....	G. L. Pound, Humbird, Wisconsin
Black River Falls.....	Mrs. Eunice Alderman, supply
York Center Circuit.....	E. A. Wolfe, Granton, Wisconsin
Barron, New Hutchinson and Ladysmith	W. B. Good, Barron, "
Chetek, Rice Lake, Sioux Creek and Pleasant Valley.....	To be supplied
Three Lakes	To be supplied
Burnett County	To be supplied
Menominee	To be supplied
Necedah.....	R. Pate, Florence Pate, supplies, Necedah, Wisconsin

A. D. Gillett, superannuated; E. O. Dietzman, William Plant, supernumerary.

EVANSVILLE DISTRICT—E. J. ROBERTS, District Elder, 422 East Conant street, Portage, Wisconsin

Evansville and Albany.....	G. W. Endicott, Evansville, Wisconsin
Milwaukee (First Church) and Grace Mission.....	.....
.....	F. F. Wolfe, 620-20th street, Milwaukee, "
Milwaukee (Second Church) .....	.....
.....	J. W. Kendall, 473-10th avenue, Milwaukee, "
Whitewater..	Miss Lisa M. Saugstad, supply, 600 East North street, "
Whitewater .....	.....
Palmyra	Miss Nina R. Marsh, supply
Marshall	To be supplied

W. L. Meikle, missionary to Japan; H. W. Hills, evangelist, 703 Center street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; C. A. Cusick, superannuated; Herbert L. Smith, teacher in Evansville Seminary; W. H. Winters, granted a certificate of stand-

ing by the quarterly conference to the Minnesota and Northern Iowa conference; A. L. Whitcomb, granted a certificate of standing.

BEAVER DAM DISTRICT—E. J. ROBERTS, District Elder

Beaver Dam and Calamus.....
E. N. Hawley, 222 East Third street, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin
 Pardeeville and Springvale.....Mrs. Aurelia G. Moore, Pardeeville, "
 Oshkosh.....F. S. Kamm, 280 Forest avenue, Oshkosh, "
 Portage, Caledonia and Lewiston.....G. H. Simpson, Portage, "
 Baraboo, Excelsior and LaValle.....Miss Mattie Stoll, Baraboo, "

L. B. Webb, supernumerary; A. E. Knaak, granted a certificate of standing by the quarterly conference to the North Minnesota conference; E. J. Roberts, membership on the Beaver Dam district.

RICHLAND DISTRICT—A. J. DAMON, District Elder, Viola, Wisconsin

Richland Center.....D. G. Jones, Richland Center, Wisconsin
 Gillingham and Hub City.....C. Siggelkow
 Loyd and Little Willow.....John Crandell, supply, Loyd, Wisconsin
 Mill Creek and Boscobel.....J. B. Coffrin, Richland Center, "
 LaFarge, Bear Creek, Revel's Valley and Hills Prairie.....
R. S. Peckham, Keith Peckham, supply, LaFarge, "
 A. J. Damon, membership on the Richland district.

PLATTEVILLE DISTRICT—A. J. DAMON, District Elder

Platteville and Cuba City.....C. M. Stirdivant, supply, Platteville, Wisconsin
 Montfort and Livingston.....J. Turgeson, Montfort, "
 ArthurTo be supplied
 WerleyD. O. Dietzman

LOCAL PREACHERS

Adams, Charles ...Barron, Wisconsin	†McLeod, John...Platteville, Wisconsin
Alcock, Thomas, Platteville, "	†Pate, Robert ....Necedah, "
†Bell, William ....Chetek, "	Pool, A. J. ....Chetek, "
†Crandell, John ....Loyd, "	†Robinson, Howard, Chetek, "
Case, E. L. ..Fort Atkinson, "	Shafer, Fred, Jr., Ladysmith, Wisconsin
Franz, C. L. ....Fall River, "	sin
Hanson, Clinton ....Barron, "	Turgeson, John ....Boaz, Wisconsin
†Jones, J. Walter ....Cuba, "	*Tullis, E. P....Evansville, "
†Manion, J. A. ..Fall River, "	*Waters, William, Platteville, Wisconsin
	sin

*Local elder. †Local deacon.

EVANGELISTS

*Alderman, Mrs. Eunice, Humbird, Wisconsin	Jones, Mrs. Florence, Cuba, Wisconsin
Coffrin, Mrs. Emma, Richland Center, Wisconsin	Lane, Mabel, 121 South Peoria street, Chicago, Illinois
Clark, Hugh, Richland Center, Wisconsin	*Roberts, Mrs. Mary C., Portage, Wisconsin
*Damon, Mrs. Christie G., Viola, Wisconsin	*Saugstad, Miss Lisa M., 600 East North street, Whitewater, Wisconsin
Franz, Mrs. Louisa, Fall River, Wisconsin	Shafer, Fred, Sr., Rice Lake, Wisconsin
Jones, Mrs. Nora, Richland Center, Wisconsin	Townsend, Bertha ..Chetek, Wisconsin
	*Webb, Mrs. Grace J., Hermon, Los Angeles, California
	Wolfe, Mrs. M. C., Granton, Wisconsin

*Licensed by the annual conference.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WISCONSIN CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Mission- ary Claim	Woman's For- eign Missionary Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
Northern District															
Humboldt and Augusta.....	1 14	\$ 10 93	42 86	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 16 08	1 90	\$ 370 00	\$ 100 00	\$ 76 00	\$ 23 96	1	1500	1	1000
Yocco and Coeur d'Alene.....	1 03	\$ 10 00	20 32	.....	.....	18 76	1 50	389 37	50 00	46 28	.....	1	1300	1	1200
Bacon, Clear Lake, etc.....	1 03	.....	20 32	.....	.....	18 76	1 50	389 37	50 00	46 28	.....	1	1300	1	1200
Chester and Pleasant Valley.....	1 47	.....	21 55	.....	.....	24 55	2 43	375 04	72 00	90 00	25 00	3	2200	1	900
Ladysmith, New Hutchinson.....	1 57	.....	75	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	16 47	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Burnett and Douglas Counties.....	1 12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Menominee.....	09	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Three Lakes.....	.....	12 62	5 89	5 00	.....	21 00	.....	152 00	60 00	1 00	.....	1	1200	1	600
Richland District															
Richland Center.....	89	7 81	63 74	.....	.....	24 65	2 15	438 00	120 00	111 80	18 25	1	1600	1	1000
Clingham and Hub City.....	49	.....	19 90	.....	.....	10 50	1 65	394 44	.....	16 80	.....	.....	1100	.....	.....
Louisa and Willow.....	63	.....	11 00	2 10	.....	10 00	1 80	200 60	60 00	30 43	.....	.....	1000	.....	.....
Boscobel and Mill Creek.....	36	3 72	11 00	.....	.....	10 00	1 80	200 60	60 00	30 43	.....	.....	2000	.....	.....
LaFarge, Bear Creek, etc.....	1 17	5 00	13 00	.....	.....	27 88	1 93	337 35	90 00	69 08	3 50	4	3200	1	1500
Platteville District															
Platteville, Cuba City.....	1 11	.....	45 63	.....	.....	14 00	1 85	400 00	100 00	90 86	.....	2	2000	1	1500
Arthur.....	24	.....	25 00	.....	.....	7 00	40	40 00	84 00	18 22	80	1	600	1	800
Montfort, Livingston, Wexley.....	99	4 00	.....	.....	.....	40 00	1 65	375 00	.....	85 72	3 30	2	2800	1	.....
Beaver Dam District															
Beaver Dam and Calamus.....	72	.....	8 00	.....	.....	20 69	1 20	386 46	100 00	52 90	11 00	1	2000	1	1800
Paulsboro and Springvale.....	42	.....	18 23	.....	.....	11 54	2 70	223 33	100 00	30 60	2 22	1	2000	1	1500
Oshkosh.....	1 32	20 19	24 32	1 70	.....	47 98	2 20	400 00	120 00	80 00	.....	.....	5100	1	1800
Portage and Caledonia.....	1 66	5 00	33 32	.....	1 50	26 95	1 10	287 73	50 00	44 11	38 35	.....	600	.....	.....
Baraboo, Excelsior, LaVale.....	18	.....	20 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	109 31	60 00	18 35	.....	3	3000	1	.....
Necedah.....	18	.....	11 50	.....	.....	10 00	.....	30 00	48 00	10 20	4 00	1	600	.....	.....
Evansville District															
Evansville and Albany.....	87	10 00	.....	.....	.....	60 00	1 45	603 23	120 00	58 06	.....	1	800	1	700
Waukegan, First Church.....	96	7 00	.....	.....	.....	42 60	1 60	603 07	144 00	76 63	35 14	1	6300	1	.....
Waukegan, Second Church.....	96	.....	130 00	.....	.....	61 28	1 60	603 07	144 00	76 63	35 14	1	6300	1	.....
Whitewater.....	24	1 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	28 59	6 00	1	1000	.....	.....
Palmyra.....	45	.....	8 40	.....	.....	.....	75	54 59	.....	28 00	.....	.....	800	.....	.....
Marshall.....	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	28 00	.....	1	1000	.....	.....
Total.....	\$ 18 18	\$ 97 27	\$ 531 85	\$ 9 80	\$ 3 50	\$ 543 19	\$31 45	\$7198 85	\$1528 00	\$1584 49	\$ 173 52	39	\$ 48800	17	\$ 15500

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Fifty-third Annual Session, held at Woodstock, Illinois, September 10-14, 1912

OFFICERS

B. R. JONES, *President*

B. R. PARKS, *Secretary*

J. T. MERRY, *Statistical Secretary*

E. A. TAPPER, *Assistant Secretary*

W. P. FERRIES, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—B. R. Jones, H. O. Hubbard, W. G. Hanmer.

On State of the Work—E. G. Cryer, H. O. Hubbard, F. D. Brooke, W. J. Jackson, M. N. Pierson, John Cook.

On Reforms—F. D. Brooke, H. O. Hubbard, R. G. Wilkin, E. A. Tapper, Daniel Bouk, George Kreig, Myron French, Emil Klein.

On Education—Henry Lenz, John Klein, E. G. Cryer, B. D. Fay, T. C. Wendell, Maggie Gilbert, William Harper.

On Publications—B. D. Fay, F. W. Caulkins, F. S. Parks, Lottie Orr, Ida Spaulding, Hattie Burdick.

On Sabbath-schools—F. E. Bennett, D. W. Finch, B. R. Parks, J. W. Hill, Edward Foster, Antonia Snyder, Kate Hill.

On Charities—W. P. Ferries, J. D. Kelsey, W. J. Bone, W. M. Kelsey, R. B. McKee, Fred Siefken, George Mustard.

Auditing Committee—M. N. Pierson, J. T. Merry.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Raising Funds for Publishing the Minutes—Emil Klein.

On Examining Quarterly Conference Records—J. G. Rockenbach, Ida Spaulding, F. E. Bennett, Bertha Rubeck.

To Report for the Press—H. S. Willing.

On Complimentary Resolutions—W. M. Kelsey.

To Visit Evansville Seminary—E. G. Cryer, John Harvey.

To Visit Woodstock Homes—The pastors at Elgin and Freeport.

On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.

On Nominations—J. G. Rockenbach, J. W. Hill.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—F. D. Brooke, H. O. Hubbard, Edward Foster, R. B. McKee.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. D. Kelsey, president; E. G. Cryer, secretary and treasurer; William Harper, J. H. Cook, R. B. McKee.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

B. D. Fay, H. O. Hubbard, E. G. Cryer, time to expire 1913; Henry Lenz, William Harper, F. J. Kline, time to expire 1914; F. D. Brooke, treasurer and secretary; W. P. Ferries, president, time to expire 1915.

TRUSTEES OF THE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

J. D. Kelsey, W. J. Jackson, time to expire 1913; W. P. Ferries, R. B. McKee, time to expire 1914; F. D. Brooke, T. C. Wendell, time to expire 1915.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

R. G. Wilkin, time to expire 1913; W. J. Bone, president, time to expire 1914;

T. C. Wendell, time to expire 1915; E. A. Tapper, time to expire 1916;
B. R. Parks, secretary, time to expire 1917.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On State of the Work—H. O. Hubbard, *On Publications*—R. C. Selander.
On Reforms—R. G. Wilkin, *On Charities*—J. D. Kelsey,
On Education—F. E. Bennett, *On Sabbath-schools*—F. S. Parks.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Ella Wendell, president; Mrs. J. W. Hill, recording secretary; Mrs. Elizabeth Harvey, corresponding secretary; Miss Bertha Rubeck, treasurer, Belvidere, Illinois.

OFFICERS OF THE OLD PEOPLE'S REST HOME, WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS

T. B. Arnold, president, Glen Ellyn, Illinois; W. G. Hanmer, secretary, St. Charles, Illinois; F. D. Brooke, treasurer, 1132 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois; J. D. Kelsey, superintendent and manager; Mrs. J. D. Kelsey, matron, Woodstock, Illinois.

OFFICERS OF THE CHICAGO INDUSTRIAL HOME FOR CHILDREN. WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS

J. D. Kelsey, president and manager; Mrs. J. D. Kelsey, matron, Woodstock, Illinois; W. G. Hanmer, secretary; F. D. Brooke, treasurer, 1132 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.

OLIVE BRANCH MISSION, 22 SOUTH DESPLAINES STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Benjamin Winget, president; D. S. Warner, secretary, 1132 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois; Miss Mary Everhart, superintendent and treasurer, 2034 W. Monroe street, Chicago, Illinois; W. A. Sellew, auditor.

OFFICERS OF THE FREE METHODIST MINISTERS' MUTUAL AID SOCIETY

F. D. Brooke, president; J. G. Rockenbach, secretary.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

James Sprague,
F. D. Brooke,
J. T. Taylor,
F. M. Fish,
E. G. Cryer,
R. G. Wilkin,
D. W. Finch,
G. C. Mills,
B. R. Parks,
R. C. Selander,
Matthias Klein,
D. M. Smashey.

W. P. Ferries,
P. W. Newcomer,
H. O. Hubbard,
B. D. Fay,
Henry Lenz,
E. A. Tapper,
W. G. Hanmer,
John Klein,
H. S. Willing,
E. F. Ward,
F. W. Caulkins,

J. D. Kelsey.
W. M. Kelsey.
John Harvey,
J. G. Rockenbach,
W. J. Bone.
J. W. Hill,
A. L. Wright.
Fred Stefkim.
E. L. Klein.
F. S. Parks,
Fred E. Bennett.

DELEGATES

J. T. Merry,
George Kreig,
J. H. Cook,
M. N. Pierson,
Henry Andrus,
Lottie Orr,
R. B. McKee,
W. J. Jackson.

Kate Hill,
Daniel Bouk,
Myron French,
Edward Foster,
Maggie Gilbert,
Agnes Calcut,
T. C. Wendell,

Maria Rose,
William Harper.
Carrie Siedbrook.
Bertha Rubeck.
Anna Mills,
Ida Spaulding.
Hattie Burdick.

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. R. Jones, F. D. Brooke, H. O. Hubbard, E. G. Cryer, Edward Foster, R. B. McKee, William Harper.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Edward J. Franz.
4. Who remain on trial? George Mustard, H. J. Plantz.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? F. W. Caulkins, Matthias Klein.
6. Who are the deacons? F. W. Caulkins, of the first class; Emil Klein, of the second class.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? John Klein, Fred Siefkin.
8. Who have located this year? M. L. Johnson, at his own request, with membership at Woodstock.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? A. L. Wright.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? F. M. Fish, James Sprague, John Harvey.
11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? D. M. Smashey, from the Louisiana conference; Fred E. Bennett, from the Central Illinois conference.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? None.
14. Are the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.
15. Who have died this year? None.
- 16-20. See statistics.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? James Sprague, \$100; F. M. Fish, \$50; Mrs. D. E. Zeller, \$100; Mrs. A. W. Parry and child, \$80; John Harvey, \$150.
- 22, 23. See statistical reports.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At Central Church, Chicago, the first Tuesday in September, if the bishop can hold it then.

MISCELLANEOUS

The fifty-third session of the Illinois annual conference was held at Woodstock, Illinois, September 10, 1912. Bishop Burton R. Jones presided with great acceptability, and preached with great liberty and power. His daily addresses to the conference were timely and inspiring.

The religious services were usually good, and a blessed spirit of harmony and love prevailed.

An excellent missionary meeting was held on Friday evening, at which time we were favored with inspiring addresses by Rev. B. Winget, our missionary secretary, and Miss Edith F. Jones, our returned missionary from China. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has raised over \$2,400 the past year.

On Sabbath morning over \$1,100 was subscribed toward the Woodstock Homes.

The following brethren were introduced to the conference: Rev. W. B. Rose, Rev. D. S. Warner, Rev. B. Winget; Rev. E. N. Miller, of the Iowa conference; C. S. Huston, of the North Indiana conference; and Rev. L. D. Beck, and W. C. Monroe, of the local churches.

The following brethren preached during the conference: Bishop B. R. Jones, F. E. Bennett, F. S. Parks, D. M. Smashey, C. S. Huston, H. S. Willing, W. M. Kelsey, B. D. Fay, E. N. Miller, R. C. Selander, R. G. Wilkin and F. D. Brooke.

The following appropriations were made from the Conference Mission Funds: Harvey, \$20; East Peoria, \$20; Farmington and Limestone, \$20; Rockford and Winnebago, \$20; Morris, \$25; Sheffield and Atkinson, \$35; Cary and Algonquin, \$40; District Elder of Elgin district, \$50; the treasurer, \$25.

It was recommended that the general missionary board be requested to appropriate \$75 for the pastor at Rockford, and \$35 to the Sycamore and South Burlington circuit.

APPOINTMENTS

CHICAGO DISTRICT—F. D. BROOKE, District Elder, 1113 Grant street, Evanston, Illinois

Chicago (Central Church).....	H. O. Hubbard
Chicago (Englewood)	W. M. Kelsey
Chicago (Humboldt Park).....	D. M. Smashey
Evanston	F. E. Bennett
Aurora	J. W. Hill
St. Charles	W. G. Hanmer
Melrose Park	E. L. Klein
Glen Ellyn	To be supplied
Harvey	John Klein

B. D. Fay, financial agent Evansville Seminary; Matthias Klein, missionary to Japan; E. F. Ward, missionary to India; John Harvey, superannuated; W. P. Ferries, assistant superintendent Woodstock Homes.

ELGIN DISTRICT—W. J. BONE, District Elder, Evansville, Wisconsin

Elgin	E. A. Tapper
Freeport	F. W. Caulkins;
Ridott	To be supplied
Rockford and Winnebago.....	Henry Lenz
Belvidere	Bertha Rubeck, supply
Marengo	To be supplied
Woodstock, Crystal Lake and Pleasant Valley.....	J. G. Rockenbach
Cary and Algonquin	Fred Siefkin
Sycamore and South Burlington.....	H. J. Plantz
Franklin Grove	To be supplied

J. D. Kelsey, manager of Woodstock Homes; F. M. Fish, superannuated; M. L. Johnson, granted certificate of location at his own request; A. L. Wright, supernumerary; R. G. Wilkin, evangelist; T. B. Webb, permitted to withdraw from the conference and church, with his character under arrest.

PEORIA DISTRICT—E. G. CRYER, District Elder, 112 North Underhill street, Peoria, Illinois

Peoria	B. R. Parks
Farmington and Limestone.....	To be supplied
East Peoria, Deer Creek and Bethel.....	D. W. Finch
Pekin	To be supplied
Fairbury	P. W. Newcomer
Morris, Mazon and Joliet.....	F. S. Parks
Kempton and Mona.....	G. C. Mills

E. G. Cryer, member of the Peoria district.

KEWANEE DISTRICT—E. G. CRYER, District Elder

Kewanee, Galva and Saxon.....	George Mustard
Sheffield and Atkinson.....	R. C. Selander
New Bedford	E. J. Franz
Rock Island and Sherrard.....	H. S. Willing

J. T. Taylor, missionary to India; James Sprague, superannuated.

LOCAL ELDERS

T. B. Arnold.....	Glen Ellyn, Illinois	J. H. Keyte.....	Woodstock, Illinois
J. M. Woodard.....	Rockford, "	J. T. Merry.....	Glen Ellyn, "
T. C. Wendell.....	Chicago, "	W. C. Willing....	Rock Island, "
W. S. Sansom.....	Rockford, "	M. L. Johnson....	Woodstock, "

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Bertha Rubeck,	Mrs. J. H. Flower,	Mrs. W. B. Rose,
Mrs. T. B. Arnold,	Mrs. B. C. Beezley,	Mrs. F. D. Brooke,
Mrs. B. D. Fay,	Mrs. Henry Gates,	Mrs. Sarah A. Cooke,
Clara Burdick,	Mrs. B. Winget,	Mrs. J. W. Hill,
Mrs. J. T. Merry,	Mrs. T. C. Wendell,	Cora Klein.
Mrs. W. J. Bone.		

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PREACHERS

James Sprague	Princeton, Illinois
W. P. Ferries.....	226 Villa street, Elgin, "
J. D. Kelsey.....	Woodstock, "
F. D. Brooke.....	1113 Grant street, Evanston, "
P. W. Newcomer.....	Fairbury, "
W. M. Kelsey.....	1142 West 62d street, Chicago, "
J. T. Taylor.....	Yeotmal, Province of Berar, India
H. O. Hubbard.....	2145 Lexington street, Chicago, Illinois
John Harvey	243 E. 6th street, St. Charles, "
F. M. Fish.....	Woodstock, "
B. D. Fay.....	Evansville, Wisconsin
J. G. Rockenbach	Woodstock, Illinois
E. G. Cryer.....	112 N. Underhill street, Peoria, "
M. L. Johnson.....	Evansville, Wisconsin
Henry Lenz.....	115 Douglas avenue, Rockford, Illinois
W. J. Bone.....	Evansville, Wisconsin
R. G. Wilkin.....	R. F. D. 2, Cherry Valley, Illinois
E. A. Tapper.....	63 Villa street, Elgin, "
J. W. Hill.....	105 S. Lincoln street, Aurora, "
D. W. Finch.....	East Peoria, "
W. G. Hanmer.....	St. Charles, "
A. L. Wright.....	Evansville, Wisconsin
G. C. Mills.....	Kempton, Illinois
John Klein	Harvey, "
Fred Siefken	Algonquin, "
George Mustard	106 E. First street, Kewanee, "
H. S. Willing.....	1520 Ninth avenue, Rock Island, "
F. W. Caulkins.....	24 American street, Freeport, "
Emil Klein.....	606 15th avenue, Melrose Park, "
Matthias Klein.....	Sumoto, Awaji, Japan
B. R. Parks.....	604 Windom street, Peoria, Illinois
F. S. Parks.....	Morris, "
F. E. Bennett.....	1814 Ridge avenue, Evanston, "
R. C. Selander.....	6042 W. Chicago avenue, Oak Park, "
H. J. Plantz.....	Sycamore, "
E. J. Franz.....	New Bedford, "
D. M. Smashey.....	1620 Humboldt boulevard, Chicago, "

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS: Balance on hand from last year, \$10.17; received from circuits, \$214.31; total, \$224.48.

DISBURSEMENTS: Incidentals, postage, etc., \$2.00; W. P. Ferries, services, \$10; pastor at Rockford, \$20; pastor at Cary and Algonquin, \$40; pastor at Sycamore, \$25; pastor at Morris, \$25; district elder of Elgin district, \$50; balance on hand, \$52.48.

GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed, \$137.90; paid, \$133.05; deficit, \$3.85.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed, \$165.24; paid, \$171.24; surplus, \$6.

CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed, \$91.80; paid, \$91.80.

PERMANENT FUND—Assessed, \$45.90; paid, \$45.90.

GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—Assessed, \$27.54; paid T. Sully, \$21.41; on hand, \$8.81; surplus, \$2.68.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—Assessed, \$413.10; paid, \$277.03; overpaid, \$26.

EVANSVILLE SEMINARY—Assessed, \$137.90; amount received, \$125.47; deficit, \$11.43.

RECAPITULATION—Money on hand. Home Missions, \$52.48; bishops' salaries, \$6; general conference entertainment, \$2.68; conference claimants, twenty-six cents; total, \$61.42.

OTHER FUNDS—Educational, \$6.15; received for foreign missions, \$5; received for children's day, \$2.70; total, \$13.85.

CLAIMS DEFICIENT—General Missions, \$3.85; Evansville Seminary, \$11.43; total, \$15.28; balance over all, \$46.12.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON WOODSTOCK HOMES.

Inasmuch as financial agents are constantly in the field gathering funds for outside institutions, we would heartily recommend that a warm welcome be given our agent, W. P. Ferries, or his substitute, to all of our circuits throughout the Illinois conference. Further, that all circuits approached by him give the agent of the Homes at least a full hearing and promise help as to their ability to give.

II.—ON STATE OF THE WORK

In looking over the year that is past we have much for which to thank God. While a few of our pilgrims have been called from labor to reward, none of our preachers have been thus removed from us. That we have labored as preachers and people in the Lord's vineyard for another year, is a source of much satisfaction.

On the whole, our members are a God-fearing, self-sacrificing, humble, spirit-filled, happy, believing, blest, plain band of pilgrims, seeking the lost ones of earth, also a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. And yet, in view of what might have been done, and perhaps should have been accomplished, we have need to humble ourselves before God and earnestly pray, "O Lord, revive Thy work."

To maintain pure doctrines, have people seek and obtain and retain clear experiences in the things of God, and manifest the same by a well-ordered life and godly conversation, in these days of disregard of divine authority, is no small task. However, the success of such an undertaking cannot always be measured by the immediate visible results.

Several fruitful revivals have been held during the year. The four camp-meetings were all seasons of much blessing to our conference work. There never was a greater need for these general gatherings than at the present time. They bring courage and inspiration to our own people, and help to get our work before the public in a way that cannot be accomplished otherwise.

The circuits most represented at our district and camp-meetings are usually the most prospered and prosperous. It is a source of regret, if not alarm, that

more of our laymen (with the emphasis on the word *men*) are not in attendance at these gatherings.

Among our many needs we would mention the following as being some of the most pressing:

First—A greater personal vital piety. Mr. Drummond said, "The impression of God is kept up on the minds of the people by experience, not by theory." There is no question about the all-sufficiency of God's power for every condition that may confront us in our work, but there is often a question about a proper place to deposit that power. There must be the proper adjustment of heart and life, to the nature, purpose, and will of God. This cannot be produced by a correct position on certain issues while there may be a decided lack of consecration, loyalty to the right, and vital piety.

The perpetuating of one-sided radicalism, in the absence of an all-around righteousness, may be used as a personal ecclesiastical asset by laymen and preachers to further their own purposes and make it easy to lord it over God's heritage in a society or conference, and make up in patronage what never could be gained and held on the grounds of confidence in their piety and accomplishments in the work of God. Let us be consistently radical.

The substituting of personal opinions for Free Methodist rules and laws; and calling matters of individual conscience, divine conviction, and public announcement of the same and denunciation of what was not the same, has done much to mislead the public, destroy confidence and fellowship among ourselves, produce friction without holy fire, and withal has been responsible for a great waste of energy.

Let us polish the bell and keep a clear glass in the cabin window, and keep the dirt and rust off the boiler, and the proper name of the road on the engine, and study the route of said line well; but with nothing but dead ashes and clinkers in the fire-box, what does it all avail? Dead on the track! If holy fire be at the minimum, and human regulation at a maximum, it will not take a prophet Daniel to inform us that our cause is doomed and our days numbered. We must keep the holy fire.

We need a more decided and persistent evangelism in the ministerial ranks. We are not called to have a mere revival effort or protracted meeting, and preach so many sermons as occasions may demand, but, emphatically, to save souls. No society can be continued, religious or secular, by reading statistics, congratulating themselves that they still remain, and collect dues; they must get new recruits.

The Free Methodist church, as an organization, may be continued by the accession of members, but the doctrines, experiences and practical lives for which we have stood as a church can only be perpetuated as we travail in soul concern for lost men, and have them born into the kingdom. Of our zion it must be said, "This and that man was born in her."

We have a condition to meet that did not confront our fathers—our own record on the old fields. On many of these fields we have the influence of backsliders to contend with, and sometimes the inconsistencies of otherwise good people, all of which is often a real barrier to the work of God. But this can be lived down, must be overcome, and in faith and with hope and courage we must strike for victory.

Paul's words to Timothy, "Do thou the work of an evangelist," is applicable to the present time, and should be emphasized and heeded among us. A two weeks' effort (or an effort that is too weak) in January, may satisfy those who are putting in time; but the one in harmony with God and the heart, burdened for lost men, will plan to see God's salvation by holding revival meetings, tent, schoolhouse, special prayer and street meetings, to bring about the desired results—the salvation of souls. We may have, we must have, we will have, revivals.

Two things will help to bring this more easily. First, a greater baptism of the Holy Ghost, causing a holy sensitiveness against the approach of evil from the world without, or from the membership within, so that there will be no attempt on the part of members or preachers to establish character or stand-

ing by the skilful use of ecclesiastical technicalities, when it should be on the basis of a clean heart and a holy walk with God.

Any attempt at such a course should be spurned by holiness believers, and cannot be tolerated by holy people, for if it is the Holy Spirit will be grieved, confidence will be destroyed, divisions will follow, our ranks be broken, and the work falter, if not die.

Second. "In honor prefer one another." This is a divine command, which, if more fully obeyed, would do much to create and perpetuate a heaven-like atmosphere, in which spiritual leaders would be developed and tendencies to bossism be kept down at least to the freezing point.

With spiritual leaders, new-born, Holy Ghost religious movements (both of which usually go together) have thrived in the midst of and in the face of opposition; while older, larger and more fully-equipped movements have become fossilized or worse, corrupt, under the curtailing influence and power of a domineering spirit.

Incidentally, more reverence for God and His house, while in His house, would add to the depth and spirituality and after effects of many of our public services. Would it not increase the general good of the meeting if when we arrive a few minutes before the service begins (a thing which too seldom happens), we would spend the time in silent prayer and meditation rather than in idle chit-chat? Loud talking and boisterous laughing at the close of a service may also do much to spoil or destroy the good effect of the sermon and the whole meeting.

We regret that more of our people do not kneel down and silently address Jehovah when they enter the sanctuary.

In the absence of as much preaching as formerly on the subject of consecration and the experience of holiness is there not also a corresponding lack of consecration, and failure on the part of many of our people to earnestly seek the experience of entire holiness? We must remedy this tendency to a destructive evil. Said Dr. Parker, of London, "Without spiritual enthusiasm a noble feeling, an *absolute consecration*, the church may be but a painted sepulchre."

PASTORAL SUPPORT—With the high and increasingly high cost of living, it is becoming more and more of a problem how the ministry will be supported on the present salaries. That the most of our people are liberal givers no one will deny, but that some are unduly close-fisted, if not stingy, seems sadly true, failing to give in proportion to the increase of their income.

A more systematic course of teaching from the Bible viewpoint on the subject of giving would doubtless accomplish good results, as our people will generally conform to Bible truth.

A more persistent and properly planned effort on the part of the stewards would do much to bring needed relief at this point in our work. Brother, sister, this is not idle talk, but a matter of importance. If we withhold from God's work, we rob God, and the windows of heaven will be closed to us. And what can we do if the windows of blessing are closed and the heavens are as brass to us? Paul may plant, and Apollos water, but God alone can give the increase.

Let us keep humble, holy, plain, anointed, united and nothing shall be able to stand before us to stop us, and we shall fulfil our divine mission in spreading scriptural holiness over these lands, and when the last tear has been shed and the last hill climbed and the last battle fought and the last victory won, we shall stand on a spiritual mount of triumph and behold with rapture the approach of our redeeming Lord, the Captain of our salvation, and hear Him say, "Ye have been faithful over a few things * * * enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Then the toils of the road will seem nothing, when we get to the end of the way.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE ILLINOIS CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Mission- ary Claim	Woman's For- eign Missionary Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Baptists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
Chicago District															
Chicago, Central Church,															
Chicago, Englewood	\$108 00		225 00	\$ 3 85	\$ 4 68	\$ 131 78	\$ 2 25	650 00	216 00	174 00	65 00	1	6000	1	2000
Chicago, Humboldt Park			34 03			92 31	1 25	520 00	240 00	55 10		1	5000	1	3000
Chicago, Humboldt Park			192 58	1 00	8 85	82 54	1 93	475 00	252 00	85 80	15 00	1	2500	1	2500
Chicago, Aurora			33 90		3 00	3 25	1 60	675 00	240 00	157 40	85 28	1	8000	1	6800
Chicago, St. Charles			128 96		3 00	69 96	1 75	554 95	200 00	80 40	6 06	1	7500	1	3000
Chicago, Melrose Park	10 00		16 25	3 45	2 50	57 55	1 15	517 40	150 00	87 00	50 50	1	3200	1	2800
Chicago, Glen Ellyn			108 51	2 70		44 38	1 05	300 00	130 00	50 60	19 25	1	3000	1	2800
Chicago, Harvey	36 20					31 76		300 00	180 00	49 00		1	2000	1	1500
Elgin District															
Elgin			120 00			38 44	2 10	515 00	180 00	100 80		1	8000	1	3000
Elgin, North	5 00		60 90			45 00	2 15	503 94	144 00	103 20	11 70	1	1200	1	2200
Elgin, Rockford						25 55	2 00	600 00		35 80		1			
Elgin, Rockford and Winnebago	52 10		30 00		2 63			600 00		99 35		1	3500		2400
Elgin, Belvidere, Marengo, etc.			38 00	5 40		38 98	1 80	478 67	63 25	86 40		1	8000		1800
Elgin, Woodstock and Crystal Lake ..	13 00		17 40	5 55	1 74	56 08	1 1	575 00	156 00	88 80	60 00	1	3000	1	2000
Elgin, Cary and Algonquin				1 80		20 00	60	285 00	120 00	33 30		1	4000	1	1500
Elgin, Caymanore and South Burlington ..			35 25	2 25		11 50	75	283 36	144 00	36 60		1	1000		
Elgin, Franklin Grove and Ashton							10			4 80		1			
Peoria District															
Peoria						86 00	1 60	500 00	200 00			1	4500	1	2000
Peoria, Birmingham and Limestone ..	18 50			3 00	55 20	55 20	1 60	375 42	72 00	56 83	14 00	1	3000	1	800
Peoria, East Peoria and Pekin	6 15		29 00	6 15	20 00	69 71	2 05	600 48	120 00	106 60	12 00	1	5000	1	1200
Peoria, Bethel			20 00							7 54		1	1000		
Peoria, Deer Creek			2 00			27 53	55	401 43	150 00	74 76	15 60	1	1000	1	700
Peoria, Fairbury			41 39		1 32	16 03	1 30	543 26	120 00	97 60		1	2500	1	1500
Peoria, Morris, Mazon and Joliet			16 45			16 03	1 75	480 64	120 00	36 00	66 45	1	3000	1	1200
Peoria, Kempton and Mena			33 00			11 50						1			
Kewanee District															
Kewanee, Galva and Saxon			76 77			27 85	2 90	600 00	150 00	140 00	48 00	1	8000	1	5000
Kewanee, Galva and Saxon						32 46	1 50	475 00	120 00	72 00		1	1500		
Kewanee, Galva and Saxon	6 51		45 87	4 50		95 45	2 55	760 92	240 00	122 40	100 00	2	1200	2	1200
New Bedford and Sheffield			156 00		4 00							2	7200	1	2800
Rock Island and Sherrard															
Total	\$255 46	\$ 1431 86	\$ 39 45	\$ 31 07	\$1286 37	\$44 33	\$1230 01	\$2320 31	\$3851 25	\$2182 93	\$ 669 74	28	\$110900	28	\$ 67200
Central Church, \$9 60; Englewood, \$3 75; Evanston, \$10 05; Aurora, \$4 80; St. Charles, \$5 25; Harvey, \$3 15; Elgin, \$6 30; Freeport, \$6 45; Rockford, \$2 10; Peoria, \$4 80; Bethel, 60c; Deer Creek, \$1 63; Fairbury, \$1 05; Kempton and Mena, \$5 25; Kewanee, Galva and Saxon, \$8 70; Atkinson, 75c; total, \$77 23.															

ARKANSAS AND SOUTHERN MISSOURI CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Eighteenth Annual Session, held at
Monett, Missouri, September 18-21, 1912

OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President*
T. M. HOLCOMB, *Secretary* M. L. WILKINSON, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Nominations—W. C. Bostian, P. M. Shipley.
On Public Worship—Wilson T. Hogue, W. C. Bostian, T. M. Holcomb, P. M. Shipley.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—Eliza C. Witherspoon. H. L. Knauss.
To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—R. E. Holcomb.
To Publish the Minutes—The secretary.
On the State of the Work—P. M. Shipley, W. C. Bostian.
To Audit the Treasurer's Account—H. L. Knauss.
On Sunday-schools—Eliza C. Witherspoon, M. L. Wilkinson.
On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.
On Reforms—M. L. Wilkinson, T. M. Holcomb.
On Complimentary Resolutions—P. M. Shipley, Eliza C. Witherspoon.
On Publications—P. M. Shipley, W. C. Bostian.
On Charities—M. L. Wilkinson, G. Webb.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

P. M. Shipley, president, for two years; W. C. Bostian, secretary, for one year;
M. L. Wilkinson, for three years.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

P. M. Shipley, president, for one year; W. C. Bostian, secretary and treasurer,
for two years; N. T. Holcomb, for three years.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

P. M. Shipley, president; T. M. Holcomb, secretary; M. L. Wilkinson, treasurer;
W. C. Bostian, Eliza C. Witherspoon.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On State of the Work—W. C. Bostian, *On Publications*—M. L. Wilkinson.
On Reforms—P. M. Shipley, *On Sunday-schools*—T. M. Holcomb.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions (15 cents), Church Extension (10 cents),
Bishops' Salaries (18 cents), Permanent Fund (5 cents); second quarter,
Conference Claimants' Fund (45 cents); third quarter, General Conference
Expense (4 cents), Conference Missions (20 cents).

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in
this conference?

PREACHERS

W. C. Bostian, M. L. Wilkinson, N. T. Holcomb,
 P. M. Shipley, T. M. Holcomb, M. F. Showalter.
 [Woman evangelist having a seat in this conference, Eliza C. Witherspoon].

DELEGATES

Emma Shumate, G. W. Webb, H. L. Knauss,
 R. E. Holcomb.

2. Who are the stationing committee? Wilson T. Hogue, P. M. Shipley,
- W. C. Bostian, Emma Shumate, R. E. Holcomb.
3. Who are admitted on trial? None.
4. Who remain on trial? D. P. Arnold.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.
6. Who are the deacons? T. M. Holcomb, M. F. Showalter.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.
8. Who have located this year? None.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? M. F. Showalter.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? N. T. Holcomb,
- M. L. Wilkinson.
- 11, 12, 13, 15. None.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.
- 16-20. See statistical reports.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? N. T. Holcomb, \$110; M. L. Wilkinson, \$75.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? The place was left to the discretion of W. C. Bostian, P. M. Shipley; the time as near the last Wednesday in September, 1913, as convenient for the bishops.

APPOINTMENTS

MONETT DISTRICT—W. C. BOSTIAN, District Elder, Beebe, Arkansas

Monett and Phelps.....P. M. Shipley, R. F. D. No. 3, Monett, Missouri
 JoplinTo be supplied
 Neosho and Mill Creek.....D. P. Arnold, R. F. D. No. 3, Neosho, Missouri
 M. F. Showalter, supernumerary, R. F. D. No. 3, Neosho, Missouri; J. P. Neeley, granted a certificate of his standing by the Nevada district quarterly conference.

WEST PLAINS DISTRICT—W. C. BOSTIAN, District Elder

West PlainsTo be supplied
 Mountain View.....To be supplied
 Fowler and Skylight..Colon J. Smith, supply, R. F. D., Mountain Grove, Missouri
 M. L. Wilkinson, superannuated, West Plains, Missouri.

HARRISON DISTRICT—W. C. BOSTIAN, District Elder

Harrison, Capps, Zion Hill and Protom.....
T. M. Holcomb, Ollie Dyer, supply, Harrison, Arkansas
 N. T. Holcomb, superannuated, Harrison, Arkansas.

BEEBE AND HOT SPRINGS DISTRICT—W. C. BOSTIAN, District Elder

Hot SpringsTo be supplied
 Hot Springs Mission.....To be supplied
 Antioch, Evert and Vilonia....Eliza C. Witherspoon, supply, Antioch, Arkansas
 ButlervilleTo be supplied
 W. C. Bostian, member of the Beebe and Hot Springs district quarterly conference.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE ARKANSAS AND SOUTHERN MISSOURI CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claims	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Entertainment General Conference
Nevada District	F. M. Shipley, District Elder															
	Lafayette Farr, supply.....	3		3	1	1	1	1	40	1	\$ 1 35	\$ 54	\$ 45	\$ 45	\$ 30	\$.....92
	R. M. Holcomb.....	28		28	2		1	7	40	1	10 85	4 14	64	3 45	2 80	92
	Eliza C. Witherspoon, supply.....	15	2	15	2	1	1	8	40	4	2 25	90	75	15	50	10
West Plains District	F. M. Shipley, District Elder															
	Chas. W. Catlett, supply.....	1		1	1					1	1 80	72	60	60	40	16
	D. P. Arndt.....	4	3	7	1											
Harrison District	W. C. Bostian, District Elder															
	Supplied.....	13		13	1					3	1 20	3 10	50	2 10	1 20	13
	Zion LHM.....	8	1	9						1						
	Protem.....	7	2	9												
Beebe and Hot Springs District	W. C. Bostian, District Elder															
	Supplied.....	3		3	1	1				1	2 25			20		08
	J. A. Chamblee, supply.....	18		18						4	3 60	1 11	55	1 15	60	08
	Earl Harris, supply.....	18		18	1	1	1	5	60		90	36	30	30	20	08
Total.....		123	8	131	8	2	3	20	140	22	\$ 35 85	\$ 13 57	\$ 6 04	\$ 11 25	\$ 7 00	\$ 2 07

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE ARKANSAS AND SOUTHERN MISSOURI CONFERENCE

CHARGE	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Mission- ary Claim	Woman's For- eign Missionary Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
Nevada District															
Joplin	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	1	\$.....	1	\$.....
Neosho and Mill Creek						15 00	1 15	143 00	30 00	35 55	23 00	1	500		150
Monett						25	25	10 00	30 00	14 10			2000		
Phelps			15 40	2 00	2 00	10 67	75	195 00		44 00		1	500		
West Plains District															
Mountain View							20	12 25	3 56	7 38					
Gravel Point								41 00							
Harrison District															
Harrison							15			43 00					
Zion Hill										4 00					
Protom															
Beebe and Hot Springs District															
Hot Springs							25			6 70		1	800		
Antioch, Evert and Vilonia							10	28 00		18 31		1	1000		
Butterville										2 70					
Total.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 15 40	\$ 2 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 25 67	\$ 3 00	\$ 429 25	\$ 33 56	\$ 175 74	\$ 23 00	5	\$ 4800	1	\$ 150

SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Fifty-second Annual Session, held at Camden, New York, September 11-14, 1912

OFFICERS

WILLIAM PEARCE, *President*
C. J. HESSLER, *Secretary* O. F. FERRO, *Assistant Secretary*
W. E. SITZER, *Assistant Secretary*

COMMITTEES

On Nominations—C. E. Christman, H. E. Barnes, H. W. Fish, W. A. Morse, John Centner.
On Public Worship—William Pearce, J. A. Tholens, G. L. Skinner, W. A. Morse.
On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.
To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—M. S. Babcock, J. C. Hessler.
On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.
On Reforms—O. M. Owen, O. P. Ray, W. E. Sitzer.
On Publications—O. F. Ferro, J. C. Hessler, H. E. Simcoe.
On Charities—M. S. Babcock, C. M. Hartson, C. F. Mersereau.
On Education—G. L. Skinner, C. A. Balch, Robert Joss.
On Sunday-schools—C. H. Hudson, G. B. Lane, F. A. Brewer.
On State of the Work—W. H. Clark, G. L. Skinner, O. S. Baker, H. L. Crockett, C. A. Lowell.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—D. C. Stanton, O. O. Burley, T. C. Givens, C. C. Watson, W. A. Morse.
On Memoirs—W. H. Clark, O. S. Baker, G. S. Coons, H. W. Fish.
On Claimants and Claims—William Pearce, W. H. Clark, H. L. Crockett, C. A. Lowell, O. P. Ray.

CONFERENCE TREASURER

John G. Hessler, Norwood, St. Lawrence county, New York.

CONFERENCE SUNDAY-SCHOOL SECRETARY

C. H. Hudson, R. F. D. 4, Dansville, New York.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

F. S. Shaw, president; H. L. Crockett, secretary; J. A. Tholens, C. A. Lowell, Charles Dixon.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

H. L. Crockett, secretary, term expires 1915; C. A. Balch, term expires 1913; O. F. Ferro, president, term expires 1914.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

O. P. Ray, president; W. H. Clark, C. J. Hessler, terms expire 1914; H. W. Fish, secretary and treasurer; Charles Dixon, C. F. Mersereau, terms expire 1915; O. S. Baker, W. E. Sitzer, C. A. Lowell, terms expire 1913.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

<i>On Reforms</i> —H. L. Crockett,	<i>On Education</i> —O. F. Ferro.
<i>On Publications</i> —T. C. Givens,	<i>On Charities</i> —C. M. Hartson.
<i>On Sunday-schools</i> —G. B. Lane,	<i>On State of the Work</i> —G. L. Skinner.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions (20 cents); second quarter, General Missions, Church Extension (10 cents); third quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Permanent Fund (5 cents); four quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund, General Conference Entertainment Fund (2 cents).

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Ella S. Clark, 719 N. Jay street, Rome, New York; Mrs. Rose Baker, first vice-president, 42 West Main street, Cortland, New York; Mrs. Helen M. Sitzler, R. F. D. 9, Fulton, New York; Mrs. Josephine Roupe, recording secretary, 51 East Center street, Gloversville, New York; Mrs. Alma Babcock, corresponding secretary, West Webster, New York; Miss Susie Osborne, superintendent of Junior work, 206 Furman street, Syracuse, New York; Mrs. Abbie Crockett, home mission superintendent, 9 Cherry street, Binghamton, New York; Mrs. Nellie Frink, superintendent of box committee, Syracuse, New York.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

T. Whiffen,	O. M. Owen,	W. H. Clark,
A. Smith,	W. Crossman,	J. S. Bradbrook,
D. C. Stanton,	J. A. Tholens,	W. J. Riker,
C. H. Hudson,	T. C. Givens,	F. J. Dunham,
O. S. Baker,	F. W. Cathey,	M. H. Kendrick,
W. E. Sitzler,	M. S. Babcock,	Perry Ball,
H. W. Fish,	G. M. Dunham,	C. A. Balch,
G. S. Coons,	O. O. Burley,	C. J. Hessler,
H. L. Crockett,	B. J. Austin,	G. L. Skinner,
F. S. Shaw,	S. Ghent,	J. D. Jenkins,
J. G. Cole,	C. E. Christman,	J. C. Hessler,
H. E. Barnes,	G. B. Lane,	E. H. Wyeth,
C. A. Fox,	O. B. Russell,	H. D. Brink,
O. F. Ferro,	C. C. Watson,	F. J. Hessler,
S. I. Folts,	C. M. Hartson,	John Roberts,
W. B. Roupe,	L. E. Rowley,	Carl A. Steucke.

DELEGATES

S. T. Aumock,	May Cole,	M. Peterson,
Frank Brewer,	C. A. Lowell,	Isabella White,
John Centner,	Cornelia King,	A. M. Craig,
Lorenzo Bolles,	Lyttia Bartlett,	Bessie M. Lester,
Charles Seely,	Vosie Hessler,	Mrs. J. D. Gouthey,
Howard Overton,	May Gunter,	May Clark,
Mary McIntyre,	H. E. Simcoe,	Harriett Anthony,
Jacob Collier,	Carrie Gray,	Frank Burnett,
Charles Dixon,	Mary C. Root,	Albert Bennett,
Robert Joss,	W. A. Morse,	Frederick Stanton,
C. F. Mersereau,	G. W. Grinnell,	O. P. Ray,
L. H. Starr,	Elizabeth Dempster,	Clara P. Parsons,
R. Davis,		

2. Who are the stationing committee? William Pearce, H. L. Crockett, O. S. Baker, W. H. Clark, G. L. Skinner, O. P. Ray, C. A. Lowell, Charles Dixon, A. M. Craig.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? L. H. Skelton.

4. Who remain on trial? F. E. VanDeusen, Zenas Miner, John G. Hessler, Clifford Crouch, Howard S. Bassett, S. T. Gunter.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? L. E. Rowley, Carl A. Steucke.
6. Who are the deacons? F. J. Hessler, John Roberts, L. E. Rowley, Carl A. Steucke, C. F. Mersereau (local deacon).
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.
8. Who have located this year? None.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? Perry Ball, A. Smith, M. S. Babcock, O. B. Russell, B. J. Austin, F. E. VanDeusen, F. J. Dunham, G. M. Dunham, F. J. Hessler.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? O. M. Owen, W. Crossman, W. J. Riker, John G. Cole.
11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? None.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? E. H. Wyeth.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? None.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.
15. Who have died this year? Zenas Osborne, Levi Kelly, elders; N. B. Smith, deacon.
- 16-23. See statistics.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? Place left with the district elders and the secretary, time as near the first Tuesday in September as convenient with the plans of the bishops.

MISCELLANEOUS

The fifty-second session of the Susquehanna conference was held at Camden, New York, September 11-17, 1912. Bishop William Pearce presided in a spirit of meekness and general acceptability. The preaching was good and much of the Spirit was given in the various services.

A memorial service was held in memory of Zenas Osborne, Levi Kelly and N. B. Smith, who had died during the year.

The local pastor and people were untiring in their efforts to entertain the conference, and they surely did nobly.

The missionary meeting, Sunday afternoon, under the auspices of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, was addressed by Jules Ryff and Kittie Wood Kumarakulasinghe, and a goodly sum in cash and subscriptions was raised.

APPOINTMENTS

SYRACUSE DISTRICT—W. H. CLARK, District Elder

Syracuse and Solvay	C. A. Fox
East Syracuse	C. F. Mersereau, supply
Chittenango Station	C. A. Balch
Oneida	To be supplied
Fulton	C. C. Watson
Weedsport and Port Byron	J. D. Jenkins

A. Smith, B. J. Austin, O. B. Russell, supernumerary; W. H. Clark, member of the Syracuse district quarterly conference.

WAYNE DISTRICT—W. H. CLARK, District Elder

Rose and Clyde	H. E. Barnes
Alton	J. C. Hessler
East Williamson	F. S. Shaw
West Webster	To be supplied
Union Hill	G. S. Coons

W. Crossman, superannuated; M. S. Babcock, F. J. Dunham, F. E. VanDeusen, supernumerary.

BINGHAMTON DISTRICT—O. S. BAKER, District Elder

Binghamton and Union	H. L. Crockett
Norwich	L. E. Rowley
North Pharsalia	H. A. Brayton, supply
Ithaca	To be supplied
Cortland	S. I. Folts
Pleasant Valley	M. H. Kendrick

John G. Cole, superannuated; O. S. Baker, member Binghamton district quarterly conference.

CORNING DISTRICT—O. S. BAKER, District Elder

Corning	C. E. Christman
Painter Run and Tioga	C. C. Crouch
Atlanta	To be supplied
Byersville	C. H. Hudson
East Caton, West Caton, Pettigrove and Curtis	S. T. Gunter
Penn Yan, East Italy and Guianoga	Zenas Miner
Elmira	H. W. Fish

W. J. Riker, superannuated; F. J. Hessler, supernumerary.

UTICA DISTRICT—G. L. SKINNER, District Elder

Utica	H. D. Brink
Rome	T. C. Givens
Camden	J. A. Tholens
Herkimer	J. S. Bradbrook
Scotch Bush and Middle Sprite	O. O. Burley

G. M. Dunham, supernumerary; G. L. Skinner, member of Utica district quarterly conference.

WATERTOWN DISTRICT—G. L. SKINNER, District Elder

Watertown	O. F. Fero
Gouverneur	C. M. Hartson
California	L. H. Skelton
Carthage	A. M. Craig, supply
Norwood	J. G. Hessler
Massena and Soo Sault Island	To be supplied
DeGrasse and Silver Hill	J. D. Gouthey, supply

SARATOGA DISTRICT—W. E. SITZER, District Elder

Saratoga Springs	C. J. Hessler
Glens Falls	Carl A. Steucke
Bolton and Warrensburg	G. B. Lane
Corinth	G. R. Crockett, supply
Charlotteville, Jefferson, Titus Hill, Barnesville and Green Bush	John Roberts
Troy	To be supplied

Perry Ball, supernumerary; W. E. Sitzer, member Saratoga district quarterly conference.

BURLINGTON DISTRICT—W. E. SITZER, District Elder

Burlington	T. Whiffen
St. Armand Center and Hillside, Quebec	To be supplied
Clarenceville, Quebec	To be supplied

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT—S. GHENT, Stationed District Elder

Clinton and Worcester, Massachusetts	S. Ghent
Providence, Rhode Island	D. C. Stanton
Hampton, Connecticut	To be supplied
Springfield, Massachusetts	H. C. Bassett

O. M. Owen, superannuated; E. H. Wyeth, withdrawn.

CONFERENCE ROLL AND PREACHERS' ADDRESSES

Year of Admission into Full Connection	Name	Address
1869	T. Whiffen.....72 Elmwood avenue, Burlington, Vermont	
1872	O. M. Owen.....40 Oak street, Hyde Park, Massachusetts	
1878	W. H. Clark.....719 North Jay street, Rome, New York	
1879	A. Smith.....320 Midland avenue, Syracuse, New York	
1879	W. Crossman.....45 Marshall street, Rochester, "	
1879	J. S. Bradbrook.....Park avenue, Herkimer, "	
1886	D. C. Stanton.....265 Pearl street, Providence, Rhode Island	
1886	James A. Tholens.....Camden, New York	
1886	W. J. Riker.....R. F. D. No. 2, Corning, "	
1886	C. H. Hudson.....R. F. D. No. 4, Dansville, "	
1887	T. C. Givens.....317 West Embargo street, Rome, "	
1887	F. J. Dunham.....10 Spring street, Rochester, "	
1887	O. S. Baker.....42 West Main street, Cortland, "	
1887	F. W. Cathey.....Station F, Seattle, Washington	
1888	M. H. Kendrick.....R. F. D. No. 3, Sherburne, New York	
1888	W. E. Sitzler.....R. F. D. No. 9, Fulton, "	
1888	M. S. Babcock.....West Webster, "	
1889	Perry Ball.....South Glens Falls, "	
1890	H. W. Fish.....Elmira Heights, "	
1894	G. M. Dunham.....R. F. D., Camden, "	
1895	C. A. Balch.....Chittenango Station, "	
1895	G. S. Coons.....R. F. D., Ontario, "	
1896	O. O. Burley.....R. F. D., St. Johnsville, "	
1896	C. J. Hessler.....204 Regent street, Saratoga Springs, "	
1897	H. L. Crockett.....9 Cherry street, Binghamton, "	
1897	B. J. Austin.....Syracuse, "	
1897	G. L. Skinner.....Camden, "	
1901	F. S. Shaw.....East Williamson, "	
1901	S. Ghent.....7 Foresa street, Clinton, Massachusetts	
1903	J. D. Jenkins.....Weedsport, New York	
1904	H. E. Barnes.....Rose, Wayne county, "	
1904	C. E. Christman.....430 East Third street, Corning, "	
1905	J. C. Hessler.....Alton, Wayne county, "	
1905	J. G. Cole.....R. F. D. No. 7, Ithaca, "	
1905	G. B. Lane.....Bolton, "	
1907	John Roberts.....Charlottesville, "	
1907	O. B. Russell.....Port Byron, "	
1907	H. D. Brink.....35 Linwood place, Utica, "	
1907	C. A. Fox.....149 Linden street, Syracuse, "	
1908	C. C. Watson.....352 South Third street, Fulton, "	
1908	F. J. Hessler.....R. F. D. No. 4, Dansville, "	
1908	O. F. Fero.....325 East Moulton street, Watertown, "	
1909	C. M. Hartson.....88 West Main street, Gouverneur, "	
1909	S. I. Folts.....9 Schermerhorn street, Cortland, "	
1911	W. B. Roupe.....51 East Center street, Gloversville, "	
1912	L. E. Rowley.....11 Sheldon street, Norwich, "	
1912	Carl A. Steucke.....20 Ogden street, Glens Falls, "	

ON TRIAL

1910	F. E. VanDeusen.....Alton, New York
1910	Zenas Miner.....Penn Yan, "
1911	John G. Hessler.....Norwood, "
1911	Howard C. Bassett.....Springfield, Massachusetts
1911	Clifford C. Crouch.....R. F. D. No. 3, Tioga, Pennsylvania
1911	S. T. Gunter.....R. F. D. No. 3, Corning, New York
1912	L. H. Skelton.....Harrisville, "

CONFERENCE ROLL AND PREACHERS' ADDRESSES

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SUPPLIES

J. D. Gouthey.....	DeGrasse, New York
Henry Brayton	North Pharsalia, "
A. M. Craig	Carthage, "
G. R. Crockett	Corinth, "
C. F. Mersereau.....	R. F. D., East Syracuse, "

LOCAL PREACHERS

*E. D. Prentice, 99 Groton avenue, Cortland, New York	†Edgar DeF. Holden, Franklin, Ver- mont
*W. W. Bartholmew, R. F. D. No. 6, Cortland, New York	O. P. Ray, 108 Winooski avenue, Bur- lington, Vermont
George Milem	Rose, New York
L. L. Barrett..North Rose, "	A. H. Kresge, 30 Roosevelt avenue, Binghamton, New York
†Harvey Perkins ....Alton, "	*C. E. Beeman.....Union, New York
Jacob Collier ..Williamson, "	Peter VanDyke, Binghamton, New York
Elmer Tripp	Sodus, "
†George VanArsdale, Mexico, "	Warren Hames, West Webster, New York
*Robert S. Phillips, Norwich, New York	C. W. Hotaling, Charlottesville, New York
Godfrey Getsinger, North Pitcher, New York	†Edward Freeman, Marlboro, Massa- chusetts
George W. Grinnell, Herkimer, New York	C. E. Robbins.....Oxbow, New York
*C. W. Stevens, Saratoga Springs, New York	H. S. Brown, North Chili, "
B. F. Barrett.....Elmira, New York	H. L. Cilley.....Bolton, "
Charles H. Wengatz, R. F. D. No. 6, Rome, New York	S. C. Hill, DeGrasse....."
†Phillip Culver, Pen Yan, New York	W. B. Bradford, 202 Croton street, Syracuse, New York
	†Philo Miner, 110 Baine street, Syra- cuse, New York

*Local deacon.

†Local elder.

EVANGELISTS

Mrs. J. D. Gouthey, DeGrasse, New York	Miss Bessie Lester, Upper Troy, New York
Mrs. Isabell V. White, Natural Dam, New York	Mrs. Emma Breads, Fulton, New York
Mrs. Alberta Bates, North Chili, New York	Mrs. Ella S. Clark, 719 N. Jay street, Rome, New York
†Mrs. Thirza M. Rowley, 11 Sheldon street, Norwich, New York	Miss Alice Furman, Corning, New York
†Mrs. L. B. Bishop, 31 Lafayette place, Burlington, Vermont	Mrs. Cora Balch, Chittenango Station, New York
†Mrs. May B. Tarr, 257 Broad street, Providence, Rhode Island	Mrs. May Florence Gunter, R. F. D. No. 3, Corning, New York
Miss Pauline Kern, 483 Boswell ave- nue, Norwich, Connecticut	Mrs. Josephine Roupe, 51 East Center street, Gloversville, New York
†Mrs. Jeanette Osmun, 515 N. Cayuga street, Ithaca, New York	Mrs. Hattie Fox, 149 Linden street, Syracuse, New York
	Mrs. Emerhetta Beeman, Union, New York

†Licensed by annual conference.

TREASURER'S REPORT

RAISED FOR PUBLISHING THE MINUTES—\$43.55.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Apportioned, \$273.40; paid, \$265.93. This amount was paid out as follows: On last year's apportionment—G. L. Skinner and H. L. Crockett, each \$50; this year's apportionment—C. H. Hudson, \$22; C. A. Steucke, \$45; G. B. Lane, \$15; S. Ghent, \$50; C. M. Hartson, \$15; Z. Miner, \$15; L. E. Rowley, \$5; G. L. Skinner, for use at Massena, New York, \$20.

GENERAL MISSIONS—Apportioned, \$205.05; raised, \$199.75.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Apportioned, \$246.06; raised, \$238.81.

PERMANENT FUND—Apportioned, \$68.35; raised, \$62.30.

CHURCH EXTENSION—\$136.70; raised, \$132.04.

GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—Apportioned and raised, \$27.34.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—Apportioned, \$615.15; raised, \$603.99.

CHILDREN'S FUND—\$45.65.

EDUCATIONAL FUND—\$11.50.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—\$16.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL MISSIONS—\$1.

On Sunday morning a collection was taken to meet the deficiencies in the above collections.

CLAIMS ALLOWED FOR THE COMING YEAR—O. M. Owen, \$150; W. J. Riker, \$150; W. Crossman, \$100; John G. Cole, \$25; Martha B. Osborne, \$150; Susan C. Stacy, \$90; Anette P. Dempsey, \$75; Pheebe E. Newton, \$45; Ella M. King, \$125; Ellen H. Webster, \$60; Nellie A. Frink, \$125.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON THE STATE OF THE WORK

An inventory, to which a report of this character bears some slight analogy, may serve a threefold purpose. 1. To determine the fact and measure of success. 2. To ascertain the degree and occasion of failure. 3. To take account of resources available for future enterprises.

It becomes at the outset to acknowledge the merciful providences which, with one exception, has preserved the active forces of the conference unbroken, and has suffered death to reap but a meager harvest from the membership of the various charges. Genuine pilgrims are precious possessions these days, and the church can ill afford to part with those of tried experience and proven fidelity.

A review of the efforts of the year affords occasion for both encouragement and humiliation. Progress and retrograde blend in peculiar and, from a superficial aspect, perplexing proportions. There has been both ebb and flow in the tide. Like a "teal tree and as an oak whose substance is in them when they cast their leaves," some abandoned and apparently hopeless fields have put forth vigorous growths in reorganized, aggressive and spiritual societies, whose future seems full of promise. Other charges have held their own in numbers and graces, and some have made encouraging and commendable progress. Also some new societies have been organized within the bounds of the conference, and new impetus imparted to others. The general gatherings have been seasons of spiritual refreshing, and have been signalized by pentecostal outpourings of the Spirit. The standard of Bible holiness has been held up, and the distinctive issues of the church plainly, and in most cases wisely, lovingly, and courteously, presented.

From the beginning there have been individual defections on the part of men and societies, and history in this, as other particulars, will probably continue to repeat itself; yet the Free Methodist church as a denomination, and the Susquehanna conference as a whole, evidence no disposition to remove the "ancient landmarks," or of adjustment to the demands of a selfish and intensely worldly age, or the tendencies of unspiritual formalism.

We must not, however, become so optimistic over partial success as to become indifferent to our own defects and existing dangers. We view with delight those places which prosperity has visited, but are compelled to lament the de-

clension or disintegration of the work in other sections. While some deserts are blossoming, fair fields are in danger of being transformed into desert scenes. The songs of joy blend with the wailings of desolation. The dove and bittern are keeping strange and inappropriate company.

In a law-governed universe nothing can come uncaused. Occasion and sequence meet in an eternal though often undiscovered handclasp. Neither prosperity nor adversity are accidents; and we shall do the cause of truth highest service by setting ourselves to seek out the hidden relations by which visible results are determined. The reasons of failure, either partial or complete, must be sought this side of the provisions of grace, or the resource of the Spirit. They must be found in the attitude of men, or in the ordained human agencies of the gospel.

Any review must be as unjust as it would be disheartening, which does not recognize fully the increasing obstacles to maintaining a scriptural standard of experience and life. The leaven of doubt and indifference emanating from numerous and authoritative sources is permeating the masses with appalling rapidity and destructive energy. The fight of the "Fathers" for a pure gospel was not more strenuous or difficult than that which has fallen to their descendants. A world-conformed and spiritless type of religious life abounds on every side. Its presentations are pleasing to the unregenerate nature, and its appeals specious.

The spirit of the age is mercenary and mercantile, and the masses seem almost oblivious to privilege, indifferent to duty, and irresponsible to effort. It is sometimes stated with great gusto that "if we possessed the power the fathers had we would see the same results." The statement indicates great ignorance of or indifference to existing conditions. The agencies of the gospel are the same, but the material to be wrought is vastly different. The world of to-day is not the world of a generation ago. Almost the only point of similarity is in the universal and abiding moral necessity, and the latter is persistently ignored or strongly denied. A physician is useless in a world of well people.

Internal as well as external causes must be recognized; and it is not too much to say that the former are the most present and potent in cases of the decline of the work. There are some which seem providential, or at least beyond the power of man to arrest. Deaths and removals sometimes decimate our small societies. This, however, is exceptional. Other and living and avoidable conditions must be recognized. In many cases at least the evil originates in unwise or incompetent administration. The pastoral office among us has unusual responsibilities and perplexities. Its successful administration calls for the highest wisdom obtainable, the clearest and most unbiased judgment, and the most patient and self-ignoring love for the work. Very many conditions which militate against advance might be wholly avoided or greatly alleviated by a wise foresight. The results of a faulty pastorate may continue and culminate long after the responsible incumbent has removed, and may make the work of a successor a disheartening struggle against adverse conditions, or a hopeless effort to arrest a ruin for which he is in no wise responsible. The greatest care should be exercised in recommending and receiving applicants for conference relations, not only in regard to personal piety and preaching ability, but of soundness of judgment and administrative ability. The interests involved are vastly greater than any individual considerations; and are too sacred and solemn to be made matters of experiment.

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We may set our faces to the future with confidence. Our mission is to "spread scriptural holiness," and we are needed. All issues focus and culminate themselves in this. The principles are perennial. The prophetic injunction, "Lift up a standard for the people," is the commission. In the effort we build upon the sure foundations of truth. For the successful prosecution of the great work we have the assurance of the efficient cooperation of the Holy Spirit in the fulness of a dispensation peculiarly his own. The parting promise of an ascending Christ is still in force. Pentecost has not become obsolete. All other qualifications are inefficient apart from this.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE

SYRACUSE, CLYDE, BINGHAMTON AND CORNING DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER															Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday School	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claims	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Entertainment General Conference
Syracuse District																														
Syracuse and Pompey.....	W. H. Clark, District Elder															70	8	78	1	1	2	10	135	14	\$ 26.55	\$ 10.62	\$ 11.80	8.85	5.90	\$ 1.77
East Syracuse.....	C. A. Fox.....															17	17	34	1	1	1	5	20	5	8.10	3.24	3.60	2.70	1.80	54
Chittenango Station.....	C. O. Burley.....															40	17	57	1	1	1	10	36	6	19.35	7.74	8.60	6.45	4.30	129
Oneida.....	C. A. Balch.....															8	15	55	1	1	1	2	16	1	2.70	1.08	1.20	90	12	
Fulton.....	W. E. Sitzer.....															40	15	55	1	1	1	8	63	4	19.35	7.47	8.60	6.45	4.30	129
Weedsport and Port Byron.....	J. D. Jenkins.....															22	2	24	2	2	10	23	2	10.80	4.82	4.80	3.60	1.16	.....
Clyde District																														
Rose and Clyde.....	W. H. Clark, District Elder															44	1	45	1	1	1	5	30	10	21.60	8.64	9.60	7.20	4.80	1.44
Alton.....	H. E. Barnes.....															50	50	100	2	1	1	11	40	10	25.20	10.08	11.20	8.40	3.60	3.36
East Williamson.....	J. C. Hessler.....															36	4	40	2	1	1	6	45	4	17.10	6.84	7.60	5.70	3.30	1.04
West Webster.....	C. M. Watson.....															34	2	36	1	1	1	1	30	6	14.85	6.40	7.30	3.20	1.70	.....
Union Hill.....	C. M. Harrison.....															38	4	42	1	1	1	8	62	7	16.65	6.66	7.40	5.55	3.70	1.11
Binghamton District																														
Binghamton and Union.....	O. S. Baker, District Elder															66	9	75	3	1	1	10	81	14	28.80	11.52	12.80	9.60	6.40	1.92
Norwich.....	J. S. Bradbrook.....															34	5	39	2	1	1	5	20	10	15.75	6.30	7.00	5.25	3.50	1.05
North Pharsalia.....	W. B. Roupe.....															19	11	30	1	1	1	10	50	8	3.60	1.44	1.60	3.20	1.80	.....
Itasca.....	H. A. Brayton.....															16	3	19	1	1	1	1	1	1	3.40	1.36	1.40	3.20	1.80	54
Cortland.....	F. H. Dyke, supply.....															78	3	81	2	2	1	13	97	15	32.40	12.68	13.40	10.80	7.20	2.10
Summer Hill.....	S. I. Fols.....															8	8	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20	.....
Pleasant Valley.....	M. H. Kendrick.....															6	1	7	1	1	1	5	40	3	3.60	1.44	1.60	1.20	80	.....
Corning District																														
Atlanta.....	O. S. Baker, District Elder															4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	2.25	90	1.00	75	50	15
Corning.....	G. S. Coons.....															48	13	61	1	1	1	1	1	1	13.60	5.04	5.60	4.20	3.80	1.04
Painter Run and Tioga.....	C. C. Crouch.....															28	13	41	1	1	2	13	36	4	12.60	2.16	2.40	1.80	1.30	36
Byersville.....	F. J. Hessler.....															14	14	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	5.40	2.16	2.40	1.80	1.30	36
Curtis.....	N. B. Smith.....															2	2	4	1	1	1	6	59	6	1.35	5.04	5.60	4.20	2.80	84
East and West Caton, etc.....	F. E. VanDeusen.....															31	6	37	1	1	1	1	1	1	12.60	5.04	5.60	4.20	2.80	84
East Italy and Guanoga.....	F. E. VanDeusen.....															14	14	14	1	1	1	5	16	2	2.12	2.52	2.80	2.20	1.95	39
Penn Yan.....	Phillip Culver.....															13	13	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	5.85	2.24	2.60	1.90	1.30	39
Sayre.....	H. W. Fish.....															21	5	26	1	1	1	9	24	6	7.65	3.06	3.40	2.55	1.70	.....
Elmira.....	H. W. Fish.....															21	5	26	1	1	1	9	24	6	7.65	3.06	3.40	2.55	1.70	.....

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

SYRACUSE, CLYDE, BINGHAMTON AND CORNING DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Missions	Woman's For- eign Missionary Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Brancheists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
Syracuse District															
Syracuse and Pompey.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	2	\$.....	1	\$.....
East Syracuse.....	60	60	12 00	1 00	1 00	53 88	2 90	525 00	240 00	104 05	40 00	1	4500	1	4500
Chittenango Station.....	8 50	8 50	35 51	1 00	1 00	2 15	2 15	510 18	40 00	30 00	47 27	1	1200	1	1000
Oneida.....	.....	.....	7 75	.....	.....	10 73	30	65 83	50 00	70 79	11 66	1	2500	1	800
ulton.....	.....	.....	127 80	.....	.....	54 28	2 15	430 27	120 00	12 35	30 00	1	1100	1	2500
Weedsport and Port Byron.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 00	.....	324 01	96 00	72 35	9 00	2	1800	1	1500
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	1200
Clyde District															
Rose and Clyde.....	7 00	7 00	27 10	1 00	6 00	18 00	2 40	457 00	50 00	58 90	.....	2	3000	1	1300
Alton.....	1 00	1 00	14 00	3 66	1 55	16 00	1 80	475 70	75 00	85 52	.....	1	3000	1	1000
East Williamson.....	10 00	10 00	32 83	.....	4 73	35 00	1 65	480 57	75 00	59 34	38 06	1	2000	1	1500
West Wrenster.....	7 40	7 40	32 60	.....	.....	31 13	1 83	440 57	100 00	58 72	.....	1	1500	1	1800
Union Hill.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	449 11	50 00	59 54	13 50	1	1000	1	800
Binghamton District															
Binghamton and Union.....	.....	.....	86 47	5 00	.....	83 67	3 20	535 00	150 00	105 75	41 50	2	4350	1	3500
Norwich.....	12 35	12 35	97 90	8 85	1 65	30 66	1 75	400 00	180 00	63 50	81 21	1	2500	1	3300
North Pharsalia.....	.....	.....	100 45	.....	.....	17 75	40	311 28	16 50	43 12	18 00	1	1000	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	300 02	.....	4 03	57 94	3 80	823 95	200 00	31 16	.....	1	1500	1	3000
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	137 62	.....	1	4000	1	2000
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	21 00	40	160 87	.....	24 00	.....	1	650	.....	.....
Pleasant Valley.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Corning District															
Atlanta.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	1	1000	1	1000
Corning.....	16 00	16 00	131 37	.....	3 19	46 27	25	450 10	120 00	96 62	20 00	1	2500	1	3000
Painters Run and Tioga.....	1 00	1 00	6 82	.....	.....	21 58	1 40	295 80	30 00	49 84	24 02	1	1200	1	600
Byersville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	102 88	.....	.....	.....	1	1800	.....	.....
Curtis.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 11	1 40	375 79	30 00	49 84	.....	2	1800	1	1200
East and West Caton, etc.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 68	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 74	1	1500	.....	.....
East Italy and Gulanoga.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32 72	.....	1	1200	.....	.....
Penn Yan.....	2 40	2 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29 95	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sayre.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Elmira.....	.....	.....	9 00	.....	.....	20 70	85	739 61	.....	30 65	40 00	1	1500	1	1800

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

UTICA, WATERTOWN, SARATOGA, BURLINGTON AND NEW ENGLAND DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Mis- sion- ary Claims	Women's For- eign Missionary Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
Utica District															
Utica		\$ 23 00			\$	\$ 15 00	2 00	\$ 485 38	200 00	72 40	\$ 184 00	1	15000	1	3500
Rome		8 61		1 00	1 15	40 74	3 15	550 00	200 00	98 15	11 50	1	4000	1	4000
Hamden			5 60		3 53	18 64	2 30	412 86	100 00	44 50	11 50	1	3000	1	3000
Greenfield			13 20		1 20	26 72	1 30	515 17	250 00	73 65	9 45	1	3500	1	3000
Stoughton and Middle Spruce						6 00		300 00	48 00	47 60		2	1800	1	1000
Watertown District															
Watertown			64 20		2 25	51 74	1 65	460 83	150 00	69 80	80 00	1	3000	1	2000
Gouverneur and California					1 40	13 93	1 55	345 90	48 00	64 61	72 20	1	1700	1	500
Carthage							50	263 17	24 98			1	2000		
Norwich						8 20			60 00	25 00	85 00	1	2000		
DeGrasse									3 00	43 00					
Saratoga District															
Saratoga Springs		6 40	102 00	50	2 73	73 80	2 35	529 31	200 00	75 76	31 00	1	7300	1	4000
Glens Falls			19 55		1 68	7 80	1 40	387 51	150 00	52 21	20 00	1	1500	1	1800
Glens Falls			75 00		2 35	32 59	2 15	450 00	150 00	65 90	28 00	1	2000	1	2500
Bolton and Warrensburg			10 00			14 00	1 15	335 09	60 00	87 82		1	1100	1	600
Corinth		20 00				7 58	75			29 48	7 50	1	700		
Charlottesville, Jefferson, etc.							70	298 75	30 00	22 89	3 00	3	2700	1	1000
Barnerville and Green Bush		2 00				10 27	50	28 19		25 82	43 87				
Burlington District															
St. Armand Center, etc.		5 00	15 00	4 00	5 00	24 50	95	400 00	36 00	30 40					
Burlington		41 75			1 53	23 68	1 30	500 10	75 00	47 45	25 30	1	800	2	3000
Clarenceville		2 50	30 53		1 03	6 72	65	144 78						1	1000
New England District															
Clinton and Worcester		25 01	92 89			29 67	80	456 86		39 74	17 52				
Hampton		3 00						190 55		19 85					
Springfield								3 00		16 00					
Providence			39 84	1 00	1 00	33 01	60	408 64		19 74					
Total		\$246 52	\$ 1634 59	\$ 29 01	\$ 52 68	\$1059 45	\$63 15	\$19262 00	\$3470 31	\$2278 15	\$1140 80	51	\$100600	35	\$ 67000

NORTH MINNESOTA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-sixth Annual Session, held at
Burtrum, Minnesota, September 18-21, 1912

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President*
EMMA FISHER, *Secretary* JESSE RANDALL, *Assistant Secretary*
JESSE RANDALL, *Sunday-school Secretary* F. O. LEWIS, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. A. Sellew, F. O. Lewis, E. W. Winn.
On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.
On State of the Work—F. O. Lewis, W. Barham, H. E. Redfield.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—W. Barham, A. B. Newkirk.
On Reforms—E. W. Winn, Jesse Randall, Elsie Clark.
To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—E. C. Madsen.
On Education—F. O. Lewis, T. B. Adams, J. E. McKindley.
On Sunday-schools—Jesse Randall, H. E. Redfield, A. B. Newkirk.
On Publications—T. B. Adams, W. Barham, J. Roath.
On Charities—A. S. Parks, Anna Partridge, H. E. Redfield.
On Claimants and Claims—W. A. Sellew, F. O. Lewis, W. Barham, H. E. Redfield, C. L. Dimond.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

F. O. Lewis, secretary, for three years; W. Barham, president, for two years;
S. Waite, for one year.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

E. Winn, president; A. B. Newkirk, secretary; F. O. Lewis, treasurer; J. E. McKindley, J. S. McCay.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A. E. Knaak, for three years; W. Barham, Frank W. Wilson, for two years;
F. O. Lewis, C. W. Bly, for one year.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Reforms—T. B. Adams, *On Publications*—W. Barham.
On Education—A. E. Knaak, *On Charities*—A. B. Newkirk.
 On Sunday-schools—Jesse Randall.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions (15 cents), Church Extension; second quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund, Permanent Fund; third quarter, Bishops' Salaries; fourth quarter, Home Missions (15 cents), General Conference Entertainment Fund.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Emma Fisher, Osakis, Minnesota; first vice-president, Mrs. Mary Norris; second vice-president, Mrs. Jennie Nichols; recording secretary, Mrs. Mattie Waite; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Bernice Lane, Osakis, Minnesota; treasurer, Mrs. Adaline Newkirk, Motley, Minnesota.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

S. Waite,	W. Barham,	F. O. Lewis,
T. B. Adams,	E. W. Winn,	A. S. Parks,
A. B. Newkirk,	E. C. Madsen,	A. E. Knaak.

DELEGATES

H. E. Redfield,	J. E. McKindley,	Jacob Roath,
A. P. Holm,	C. L. Dimond,	Jane Sanders,
Anna Partridge,	Jennie Nichols,	

2. Who are the stationing committee? Walter A. Sellew, F. O. Lewis, H. E. Redfield.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? E. C. Madsen.
6. Who are the deacons? E. C. Madsen, A. S. Parks, A. E. Knaak.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? A. B. Newkirk.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? S. Waite.
11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? A. E. Knaak, from the Wisconsin conference.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.
- 16-20. See statistics.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? Mrs. A. M. Keniston, \$25; Mrs. J. G. Norris, \$140.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At Park Rapids, Minnesota, as near the middle of September, 1913, as will suit the convenience of the bishops.

APPOINTMENTS

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT—F. O. LEWIS, District Elder, Park Rapids, Minn.

Alexandria, Hudson and Carlos.....W. Barham, Alexandria, Minnesota

South HavenCharles Knapp, supply, South Haven, "

Osakis, Gordon and Clotha.....To be supplied

Burtrum, Pillsbury and Huff.....E. W. Winn, Burtrum, Minnesota

Browerville, Hartford, Moran and Long Prairie.....

.....A. E. Knaak, Browerville, "

Cornell and MoraTo be supplied

T. B. Adams, evangelist, Osakis, Minnesota; F. P. Woodward, transferred to West Kansas conference.

PARK RAPIDS DISTRICT—F. O. LEWIS, District Elder

Park Rapids and Wadena.....A. S. Parks, Park Rapids, Minnesota

Fort Ripley and Brainerd.....E. C. Madsen, Fort Ripley, "

Motley and Bridgeman.....A. B. Newkirk, Motley, "

Fertile and Warren.....To be supplied

F. O. Lewis, membership Park Rapids district; S. Waite, supernumerary.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Emma Adams, Osakis, Minnesota.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH MINNESOTA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Ministries	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claims Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions	General Claims	Church Extension and Aid Society	Entertainment General Conference
Alexandria District																
	F. O. Lewis, District Elder															
Alexandria, Hudson and Carlos...	W. Bazham	31	...	31	2	2	2	12	100	7	\$ 14 40	\$ 5 76	\$ 4 80	\$ 4 80	\$ 3 20	\$ 04
Browerville, Hartford, Moran...	Supplied	27	6	33	1	2	2	9	70	5	11 70	4 68	3 90	3 90	2 60	52
Osakis, Gordon and Clotho...	E. C. Madsen	40	2	42	1	2	10	65	5	5	17 55	7 02	5 85	5 85	3 90	78
South Haven	A. B. Newkirk	12	...	12	1	1	7	40	4	4	5 85	2 34	1 95	1 95	1 30	28
Burtum, Lake Beauty, Huff...	E. W. Winn	50	3	53	1	1	11	108	9	9	24 75	9 90	7 50	7 50	5 50	1 00
Cornell	Supplied	4	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 80	72	60	60	40	08
Park Rapids District																
	F. O. Lewis, District Elder															
Park Rapids and Wadena...	A. S. Parks	25	7	32	1	1	...	...	...	3	9 45	3 78	3 15	3 15	2 10	42
Fort Ripley and Brainerd...	G. W. Northrup, Lydia Northrup, supplies	19	...	19	1	1	6	30	3	3	10 35	4 14	3 45	3 45	2 30	46
Motley and Briggeman...	Supplied	31	5	36	1	1	8	40	7	7	12 15	4 80	4 05	4 05	2 70	62
Fertile and Warren...	Supplied	12	...	12	1	1	...	...	...	2	5 40	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 20	24
Total		251	23	274	6	6	10	63	462	45	\$ 113 40	\$ 45 36	\$ 37 05	\$ 37 05	\$ 26 20	\$ 5 02

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH MINNESOTA CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Mis- sion- ary Claim	Woman's For- eign Missionary Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Perman- ent Fund	Prench- ers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
Alexandria District															
Alexandria, Hudson and Carlos...	\$	\$	\$	42 69	\$ 5 58	\$ 42 66	\$ 1 60	\$ 362 53	\$ 72 00	\$ 49 05	\$	1	\$ 1000	1	\$ 800
Browerville, Hartford, Moran...			38 03		6 30	25 94	1 30	107 11	80 00	40 00	55 40	2	1600	1	900
Osakis, Gordon and Clotho.....			26 40			21 23	1 95	357 50	36 00	45 08	115 00	1	500	1	300
South Haven						33 79	65	300 00	100 00	37 00		1	1200	1	800
Burtrum, Lake Beauty, Huff....			59 87			52 00	2 75	330 00	60 00	53 02		2	1100	1	800
Cornell							50			12 00					
Park Rapids District															
Park Rapids and Wadena.....							1 05	179 28	60 00	32 00	8 00	1	400	1	600
Fort Ripley and Brainerd.....			17 72			13 00	1 15	22 00		32 16		7		1	
Motley and Bridgeman.....			3 70		2 26	17 08	1 35	50 00		46 36		1	1000	1	700
Fertile and Warren.....							60			35 80	9 00				
Total.....	\$	\$	\$ 188 41	\$ 14 14	\$ 206 30	\$ 12 60	\$ 1708 42	\$ 388 00	\$ 370 47	\$ 199 40	\$ 7300	8	\$ 4800	8	\$ 4800

OIL CITY CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Fourteenth Annual Session, held at
Tyrone, Pennsylvania, September 25-29, 1912

OFFICERS

WILLIAM PEARCE, *President*

MENDAL B. MILLER, *Secretary*

A. J. BEATTIE, G. S. BRYAN, *Assistant Secretaries*

J. F. COLLINS, H. F. LIEBENDORFER, *Statistical Secretaries*

EDWARD BLEWS, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

- On Nominations*—M. B. Miller, J. J. Zahniser, G. S. Bryan, A. J. Hill, William Baker.
- On Public Worship*—William Pearce, A. J. Hill, A. T. Sager, Jesse Stewart, N. W. Bice.
- On Street Meetings*—G. J. Kelly, M. E. Wolcott, J. L. Sutton, H. D. Call, William Gearhart.
- On Aggressive Evangelism*—A. J. Beattie, E. S. Zahniser, W. J. Barkas, W. A. Quick, B. P. Hogan, H. F. Liebendorfer, Alfred Spotts.
- To Publish the Minutes*—The secretaries.
- To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes*—G. J. Kelly.
- To Examine Quarterly Conference Records*—J. C. Davidson, J. F. Collins, H. W. Mitchell, J. N. Bennett, W. E. Smith.
- To Examine Titles to Church and Parsonage Property*—M. B. Miller, J. M. Critchlow, William Baker.
- To Audit the Treasurer's Accounts*—A. J. Beattie.
- On Conference Missions*—The stationing committee.
- On Sabbath-schools*—J. M. Critchlow, J. F. Collins, J. F. Barkas, Mrs. Minnie Carlson, Elizabeth Long, Mrs. Ida Bruce.
- On State of the Work*—M. B. Miller, A. H. M. Zahniser, F. W. McClelland, F. N. Fox, H. C. Bryan, I. I. Blair, W. L. Kerr.
- On Reforms*—A. Smith, J. J. Ginader, E. L. Monroe, H. N. Hepler, Charles Davis, Alexander Yale, Joseph Mealy.
- On Publications*—J. J. Zahniser, William Bryenton, E. L. Kiffer, C. E. Weaver, J. L. Hull, Clara R. Archer, Martha Towner.
- On Education*—A. J. Hill, H. D. Call, G. A. Garrett, L. L. Adams, Austin Bliss, Fred Smith, Roy Black.
- On Charities*—Edward Blews, F. W. Parks, A. J. Horner, R. F. Leight, T. S. Slocum, Belle Jacobs, Elizabeth Lutz.
- On Complimentary Resolutions*—A. H. M. Zahniser, I. B. Hawks, E. A. Archer, Roy Black, John Kiffer, G. W. Hill, Mary Dale.
- On Conference Claimants and Claims*—William Pearce, M. B. Miller, J. J. Zahniser, Austin Bliss, W. D. Brodhead.
- On Ministerial Relations*—Edward Blews, A. J. Hill, William Bryenton, E. S. Zahniser, Austin Bliss, D. B. Thomas, M. C. Steffy.
- On Press Correspondence*—J. F. Collins.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

M. B. Miller, president; A. J. Hill, secretary; C. E. Weaver, treasurer; E. S. Zahniser, Edward Blews.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

A. H. M. Zahniser, time expires 1913; H. W. Mitchell, president, time expires

1914; J. C. Davidson, time expires 1915; A. J. Beattie, time expires 1916; J. F. Collins, secretary, time expires 1917.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

M. B. Miller, A. J. Hill, F. N. Fox, W. D. Brodhead, J. C. Bowman.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Sabbath-schools—W. A. Quick,

On Charities—A. J. Beattie,

On Reforms—W. J. Barkas,

On Education—H. D. Call,

On State of the Work—J. J. Zahniser,

On Publications—A. H. M. Zahniser.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions (15 cents), Church Extension (10 cents); second quarter, Bishops' Claims (18 cents), Expenses of Delegates to General Conference (5 cents), Permanent Endowment Fund (5 cents); third quarter, Superannuate Claim (45 cents); fourth quarter, Conference Missions (15 cents), General Conference Entertainment (3 cents); total for the year, \$1.16.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Clara R. Archer, president, Bruin, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Margaret Call, corresponding secretary, Ulysses, Pennsylvania; Miss June B. Horning, recording secretary, Buffalo street, Conneaut, Ohio; Mrs. Lena D. Barkas, treasurer, 25 Rex street, Sharon, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Mary Edwards, superintendent of boxes, Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

ADDRESSES

William Pearce, president, Titusville, Pennsylvania.

Mendal B. Miller, secretary, 1229 Chestnut street, Franklin, Pennsylvania.

Edward Blews, treasurer, Meadville, Pennsylvania.

J. F. Collins, Sunday-school secretary, Fleming, Pennsylvania.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

S. Sager,

J. S. MacGeary,

J. J. Zahniser,

E. Blews,

R. McGarvey,

A. H. M. Zahniser,

F. W. McClelland,

G. S. Bryan,

W. Bryenton,

W. E. Smith,

T. S. Slocum,

W. A. Quick,

F. W. Parks,

L. L. Adams,

A. J. Horner,

G. B. Tingle.

M. B. Miller,

J. E. Berkheimer,

A. Smith,

E. L. Kiffer,

J. N. Bennett,

F. N. Fox,

M. E. Wolcott,

H. W. Mitchell,

G. A. Garrett,

G. J. Kelly,

E. L. Monroe,

J. F. Barkas,

W. Gearhart,

E. A. Archer,

H. N. Hepler,

C. J. Edwards.

A. T. Sager,

J. M. Critchlow,

C. E. Weaver,

A. J. Hill,

J. J. Ginader,

W. J. Barkas,

J. F. Collins,

E. S. Zahniser,

H. D. Call,

R. F. Leight,

J. C. Davidson,

I. B. Hawks,

A. J. Beattie,

A. G. Crill,

W. O. Webster,

DELEGATES

D. B. Thomas,
Charles Davis.
Belle Jacobs,
Joseph Mealy,
W. A. Spotts,
H. C. Bryan,
Elizabeth Lutz,
Roy Black,
L. I. Blair,
E. A. Long,
G. W. Hill,
G. E. Ferry,
C. A. Carlson.

William Baker,
Martha Towner.
Alexander Yale,
Minnie Carlson,
W. D. Brodhead,
Mary Dale,
H. F. Liebendorfer,
Clara R. Archer,
N. W. Bice,
Serena Hartman,
S. A. Singer,
Clara VanSickle,
Irene Swift.

B. P. Hogan,
Austin Bliss,
E. J. Marshall,
Fred Smith,
J. L. Hull,
Ida Bruce,
M. C. Steffy,
Jesse Stewart,
W. L. Kerr,
John Kiffer,
J. G. Bromley,
M. D. Wright.

2. Who are the stationing committee? William Pearce, J. M. Critchlow, M. B. Miller, A. J. Hill, J. J. Zahniser, W. D. Brodhead, D. B. Thomas, Austin Bliss, M. C. Steffy.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? C. O. Whitford.

4. Who remain on trial? W. H. McClimans, F. A. Reese, J. L. Sutton, Samuel Stimer, R. R. Blews, John MacDonald, B. H. Edwards, L. S. Hoover, William Brownlee.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? C. J. Edwards.

6. Who are the deacons? E. L. Kiffer, W. E. Smith, W. A. Quick, F. W. Parks, A. G. Crill, A. J. Horner, H. N. Hepler, W. O. Webster, G. B. Tingle, C. J. Edwards.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? E. A. Archer.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? S. Sager, L. L. Adams, A. J. Horner, W. H. McClimans, John MacDonald.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? J. E. Berkheimer, R. McGarvey.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? G. B. Tingle, from the Genesee conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? T. W. Murray.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed, with one exception.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall the next conference be held? At Port Allegany, Pennsylvania, as near the third Wednesday in September as suits the plans of the bishops.

APPOINTMENTS

OIL CITY DISTRICT—WILLIAM BRYENTON, District Elder, 78 West Central avenue, Titusville, Pennsylvania

Oil City (First Church) and Rouseville.....E. S. Zahniser, 312 Pine street, Oil City, Pennsylvania

Oil City (Second Church) and Salem.....F. N. Fox, 21 Plum street, Oil City, "

Franklin and Maple Dale.....H. W. Mitchell, 1218 Buffalo street, Franklin, "

Titusville and Diamond.....A. J. Beattie, Titusville, "

Tionesta and Newmansville.....G. A. Garrett, Tionesta, "

Tidioute and Hickory.....F. A. Reese, Tidioute, "

Youngsville and Sugar Grove.....I. B. Hawks, Youngsville, Pennsylvania
 Pleasantville, Enterprise and Stewarts Run.....
C. O. Whitford, Pleasantville.
 Walnut Bend, Coal Hill, Weavers and West Home.....
M. E. Wolcott, Van.
 Mayburg, Kellettville, Town Line and Beaver Valley.....
G. S. Bryan, Mayburg.
 Hamilton and Jamison..John Kiffer, supply, Titusville, R. F. D.,
 Barnes and Saybrook, W. A. Quick, 115 Dartmouth street, Warren, Pennsylvania
 Warren.....To be supplied
 J. E. Berkheimer, superannuated, Pleasantville, Pennsylvania; A. J. Horner,
 supernumerary, Youngsville, Pennsylvania; W. H. McClimans, supernumerary,
 R. D., Franklin, Pennsylvania; John MacDonald, supernumerary, Pleasantville,
 Pennsylvania.

MEADVILLE DISTRICT—MENDAL B. MILLER, District Elder, 1229 Chestnut
 street, Franklin, Pennsylvania

MeadvilleEdward Blews, Meadville, Pennsylvania
 Centerville, Tryonville and Randolph...L. S. Hoover, Centerville.
 Union City and Mill Village.....G. W. Hill, supply, Union City.
 Girard and Stancliffe.....J. J. Ginader, Girard.
 Erie and North East.....A. G. Crill, 123 West 17th street, Erie.
 Conneaut and Kingsville.....
June B. Horning, supply, Buffalo street, Conneaut, Ohio

NEW CASTLE DISTRICT—MENDAL B. MILLER, District Elder

New Castle (Arlington Avenue).....
E. L. Monroe, 765 Arlington avenue, New Castle, Pennsylvania
 New Castle (Dewey Avenue).....
C. E. Weaver, 1105 Dewey avenue, New Castle.
 Coal Town.....J. F. Barkas, R. D. 5, New Castle.
 Ellwood City, Keely and Wampum.....
 J. C. Davidson, Glen avenue and Fourth street, Ellwood City.
 Bruin and Argentine.....E. A. Archer, Bruin.
 Mercer, Prospect and Bethel.....
R. F. Leight, R. F. D. 59, West Middlesex.
 Sharon and Sharpsville.....W. J. Barkas, 25 Rex street, Sharon.
 Grove City and Bullion.....J. M. Critchlow, Titusville.

M. B. Miller, member New Castle district quarterly conference; R. McGarvey, superannuated, Erie street, Youngstown, Ohio; R. R. Blews, principal Evansville Seminary, Evansville, Wisconsin.

KANE DISTRICT—A. J. HILL, District Elder, 111 Pearl street,
 Bradford, Pennsylvania

Kane, Lamont and Highland.....
T. S. Slocum, 321 Bayard street, Kane, Pennsylvania
 Penfield circuitB. J. Hall, supply, Penfield.
 Brockwayville circuitR. B. Brewster, supply, Brockwayville.
 Loleta circuitO. S. Winslow, supply, Brockport.
 DuBois, Sabula and Falls Creek.....G. J. Kelly, DuBois.
 Brookville and Alaska...Edwin Butterworth, supply, Brookville.
 Marionville and Tylersburg circuit...W. O. Webster, Tylersburg.
 Strattonville and Pine City, W. E. McFadden, supply, Strattonville,
 ShireyDawson Kirby, supply

A. J. Hill, member Kane district quarterly conference; S. Sager, supernumerary, 1196 Hertel avenue, Buffalo, New York.

TYRONE DISTRICT—A. J. HULL, District Elder

Tyrone and Juniata.....	
.....A. T. Sager, Columbia avenue and 17th street, Tyrone, Pennsylvania	
Philipsburg and Gearhartville.....	H. N. Hepler, Philipsburg, "
Fleming circuit	J. F. Collins, Fleming, "
Bellefonte	Samuel Stimer, Bellefonte, "
A. Smith, evangelist; L. L. Adams, supernumerary.	

BRADFORD DISTRICT—J. J. ZAHNISER, District Elder, Box 701, Port Allegany, Pennsylvania

Bradford	F. W. McClelland, 31 Pleasant street, Bradford, Pennsylvania
Lewis Run and Simpson.....	M. J. Anthony, supply, Lewis Run, "
Tuna Creek and Limestone.....	G. B. Tingue, Tuna Creek, "
Duke Center and Rixford.....	C. J. Edwards, Duke Center, "
Eldred and West Eldred.....	William Brownlee, Eldred, "
Port Allegany	J. N. Bennett, Port Allegany, "
Austin	William Gearhart, Austin, "
Emporium	W. E. Smith, Emporium, "
Ridgway and Johnsonburg	
.....	A. H. M. Zahniser, 306 Metoxet street, Ridgway, "
John Wesley church and Long Level.....	E. J. Marshall, supply
Coudersport and Keech	F. W. Parks, Coudersport, Pennsylvania
Ulysses and Harrison Valley.....	H. D. Call, Ulysses, "
Galeton and West Branch	E. L. Kiffer, Galeton, "
Williamsport ..	B. H. Edwards, 201 Campbell street, Williamsport, "

J. S. MacGeary, missionary bishop, Malvern (Netley House), Natal, South Africa; J. L. Sutton, conference evangelist, Williamsport, Pennsylvania; T. W. Murray, withdrawn from the church.

LOCAL ELDERS

Bowman, James C., Titusville, Penn- sylvania	Richards, William, Warren, Pennsylv- ania
Tobey, D. B., Franklin, Pennsylvania	

LOCAL DEACONS

Krantz, Otto, Youngsville, Pennsylv- vania	Young, F. K., Dewey avenue, New Castle, Pennsylvania
Lee, Samuel ... Penfield, Pennsylvania	

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Beattie, Mrs. A. J., Titusville, Penn- sylvania	Jacobs, Merrille, Seneca, Pennsylv- vania
Call, Mrs. Margaret, Ulysses, Pennsylv- vania	MacGeary, Mrs. Ella A., Malvern (Net- ley House), Natal, South Africa
Dale, J. K., Franklin, Pennsylvania	McClelland, Mrs. H. C., 31 Pleasant street, Bradford, Pennsylvania
Everhart, Mary J., 2034 West Monroe street, Chicago, Illinois	Mossinger, Mrs. Anna, Meadville, Penn- sylvania
Fox, Mrs. May B., 21 Plum street, Oil City, Pennsylvania	Richards, Mrs. Josephine, Warren, Pennsylvania
Hamilton, Mrs. Gertrude, Mills, Penn- sylvania	Sager, Mrs. F. A., Columbia avenue and 17th street, Tyrone, Pennsylvania
Horning, June B., Buffalo street, Con- neaut, Ohio	Smith, Mrs. Kate B., Emporium, Penn- sylvania

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Continued

Smith, Mrs. Adella Z., Oil City, Pennsylvania	Whitford, Mrs. Susie, Pleasantville, Pennsylvania
Tobey, Mrs. Jennie, Warren, Pennsylvania	Winslow, O. S., Brockport, Pennsylvania
Wellman, Mrs. Minnie B., Union City, Pennsylvania	Zahniser, Mrs. Donella, 312 Pine street, Oil City, Pennsylvania

LOCAL PREACHERS

Albaugh, J. E., East Hickory, Pennsylvania	Hall, William, East Springfield, Pennsylvania
Babcock, Earnest, Spartensburg, Pennsylvania	Hill, G. W., Union City, Pennsylvania
Bliss, Austin, DuBois, Pennsylvania	Hogan, B. P., Cherry and Ninth streets, Erie, Pennsylvania
Brewster, R. B., Brockwayville, Pennsylvania	Jacobs, R. J., Greenville, Illinois
Brodhead, Watson D., Franklin, Pennsylvania	Kiffer, John, R. F. D., Titusville, Pennsylvania
Bundy, Morris, Penfield, Pennsylvania	Kirby, Dawson, Strattonville, Pennsylvania
Butterworth, Edwin, Philipsburg, Pennsylvania	Koffman, J. C., Dewey avenue, New Castle, Pennsylvania
Cowan, Charles A., Rex street, Sharon, Pennsylvania	Marshall, E. J., Ridgway, Pennsylvania
Davis, O. N., Franklin, Pennsylvania	McFadden, W. E., Clarion, Pennsylvania
Davidson, O. N., Meadville, Pennsylvania	Mitchell, G. S., Centerville, Pennsylvania
Ellithorpe, H. O., Kane, Pennsylvania	Newton, W. S., Port Allegany, Pennsylvania
Emigh, Harry, Greenville, Illinois	Shull, George, Franklin, Pennsylvania
Foreman, C. C., Central avenue, Warren, Pennsylvania	Shutt, Frank, Girard, "
Fry, P. W., Sharpsville, Pennsylvania	Smith, D. E., Ash street, Erie, Pennsylvania
Hall, B. J., Penfield, "	

EVANGELISTS

Archer, Mrs. Clara R., Bruin, Pennsylvania	Hager, Mrs. P. M., Port Allegany, Pennsylvania
Brickley, Nell, Cherry Tree, Pennsylvania	MacDonald, Elsie, Pleasantville, Pennsylvania
Collins, Mrs. Elizabeth, Fleming, Pennsylvania	Morris, Mabel, Coudersport, Pennsylvania
Frannell, Mrs. Lizzie, Tyrone, Pennsylvania	Morrow, Miss N. C., Franklin, Pennsylvania
Gates, Gladis, Coudersport, Pennsylvania	Spotts, Mrs. Dora, Fleming, Pennsylvania
Zahniser, Mrs. Jennie, Port Allegany, Pennsylvania	

DEACONESSSES

Dalrymple, Viletta, Oblong, Illinois	Hogan, Mrs. Mary, Cherry and Ninth streets, Erie, Pennsylvania
Edwards, Mrs. Mary, 201 Campbell street, Williamsport, Pennsylvania	Schuler, Harriot, Franklin, Pennsylvania
Gates, Gladis, Coudersport, Pennsylvania	Sellew, Mrs. Rebecca R., 65 Falconer street, Jamestown, New York

MISCELLANEOUS

The fourteenth annual session was held in the Free Methodist church, Tyrone, Blair county, Pennsylvania, September 25-29, 1912. Six sittings were held, one each on Wednesday and Thursday, and two each on Friday and Saturday. Bishop William Pearce presided with his usual ability and despatch. His rulings were impartial, his addresses to the conference practical, his preaching, gracious and effective.

Revs. L. D. Perkins, G. B. Tingue and L. A. Sager, of the Genesee conference; W. W. Spiker, J. H. Whiteman and J. P. Foy, of the Pittsburgh conference; Jules Ryff, of the South Africa conference, were introduced to the conference and invited to honorary seats.

The Lord's day was a great day. Bishop William Pearce preached two masterly sermons, profound in thought and powerful in unction and effect. The conference love-feast was indescribable. Over \$4,000 was raised on the Sabbath for different purposes. The new church was dedicated Sabbath evening. A plan for the organization of a Men's Evangelistic League was launched and over \$800 in cash and pledges was secured, and two evangelists were placed in the field.

The W. F. M. S. reported having raised during the past year \$4,844.71.

The congregations were limited by the size of the church—at times many being unable to find entrance. A very pleasant surprise took place Sabbath evening, at the close of the praise service, when Rev. J. F. Collins and Miss Elizabeth Long were united in marriage by Rev. A. J. Hill.

The local pastor and wife, A. T. and F. A. Sager, and the local society were abundant in labors providing for the welfare of all in attendance at the conference. The conference was well entertained.

This was one of the most remarkable sessions ever held by this conference—remarkable for the deep religious fervor, brotherly kindness and spirit of self-denial and liberality manifested.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON STATE OF THE WORK

It has pleased God to grant to the Oil City conference since its organization in 1899 a fair degree of success. There has been an outpouring of the Holy Spirit which has resulted in a general quickening and enlargement in all departments of the work of God. There have been some extensive and powerful revivals. Our membership has steadily increased. Some new societies have been organized and new church buildings erected and dedicated free from debt. Many parsonages have been secured. The work of experimental holiness has gone forward.

This report is not written in a congratulatory strain, but for the future of our work within the bounds of the Oil City conference. The question now asked of us is: Shall we, as a conference, measure up to the situation and make the future of God's work committed to us what it should be to the praise and glory of the world's Redeemer? The subject naturally divides itself into three heads: (1) What causes have contributed to the measure of success we have experienced? (2) What elements of weakness show themselves in the present condition of the work? (3) What dangers confront us?

I. The principal causes which have contributed to whatever success has attended our work since the conference was organized appear to have been the following:

1. The work has, in the most cases, been carried on by both preachers and members, among themselves as well as among those outside, with the single issue—holiness of heart and life. Personal aims and considerations have, with far the greater majority, either been a secondary matter or have been entirely lost sight of. While we have been alive to all moral reforms, and are by our very existence radically opposed to all prevailing forms of sin

or wrong, yet we have been wise enough to not allow our church to degenerate into a mere reform church, having simply negative issues. We have stood for "Holiness unto the Lord"—that type of holiness which means separation from the world as well as consecration to God. If we can get men holy in heart and life all reforms are immediately accomplished.

2. The first cause above mentioned proceeds and produces the second, which is a genuine condition of brotherly love, harmony and unity, especially among the ministers. This has existed to a marked degree, even associated at times, with radical differences about ways and means; about modes and methods. The preachers of the Oil City conference have loved each other "with pure hearts fervently," and seem bound together by bands stronger than iron. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" Psa. 133:1.

3. Still another cause that has been helpful is the measure of aggressiveness that has prevailed. This has been manifested by pushing out into new fields, organizing new societies, holding street meetings, grove meetings, camp-meetings, and, important as any, house to house visitation.

4. The last cause that has contributed to our success that we shall mention in this report is the spirit of self-sacrifice that has predominated with both preachers and members. The district elders, as well as the circuit preachers, have seemed willing to give up many comforts and conveniences of home life to win souls for Christ. Many of the preachers have received small; and by far, insufficient remuneration; and have suffered many privations. At the same time many of the laity have held up their hands by giving liberally for the support of the Gospel, and by making sacrifices of money and time to assist in carrying on God's work.

II. What weaknesses are manifest?

It is useless to say there are none. There are some, and some quite serious ones. Is it wisdom to cover these from sight? Have we not intelligence enough to perceive, and grace enough to acknowledge, and courage enough to correct these elements of weakness? Your committee think we have. So we may frankly and boldly mention the most important of them.

1. Family Government. First may be mentioned a lack of family government among both preachers and lay members; and, resulting from this, in some cases, a lack of domestic piety. There should be an immediate and radical improvement in this respect. To allow it to continue can only result in serious trouble to our church.

2. Evil Speaking. We are strongly of the opinion that one of the greatest weaknesses apparent at the present time among many of our people, not all, thank God, is evil speaking. We are commanded to "speak evil of no man." The Discipline calls evil speaking "the accursed thing," and preachers are required to read Mr. Wesley's sermon on "Evil Speaking" in every society. Many, both preachers and lay members, have been made to suffer because of this great evil. Influence curtailed, feelings crushed, confidence destroyed, reputation blighted and irreparable damage done to the church of Christ. Quoting from the pen of the founder of the Free Methodist Church, General Superintendent Benjamin T. Roberts, as reported in "Pungent Truths," page 85, "John Wesley says a Christian 'can speak evil of his neighbor no more than he can tell a lie.'" This is none too strong. The Bible sustains the statement. The man who shall dwell in God's holy hill is, "He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor" (Ps. 15:3). There is no use in your talking and singing about heaven, as long as you are talking about your neighbors. You will never reach heaven if you are given to backbiting. An unsanctified tongue is a dangerous weapon wielded by an unsanctified heart. You may hurt others, and doubtless will, by speaking evil of them; but you will hurt yourself more. You may hinder their promotion; but you will prevent your own salvation." Let us all resolutely set ourselves against this deadly thing, as it will destroy our life and power. What is more reprehensible and despicable than an evil-speaker.

3. Systematic Giving. A lack of systematic giving for the support of

God's cause may be mentioned as a serious weakness in our church within the bounds of this conference. This failure puts heavy burdens upon the few faithful and willing pilgrims who will and do see that the financial obligations of the church are met. If we can once establish systematic giving, by tithing the income, on all our circuits, all our religious, charitable, and benevolent enterprises will be abundantly and easily supplied with means for their needs, and new ones can be undertaken. Your committee is of the opinion that the membership of persons who steadily refuse systematically to support God's cause is of very doubtful value to our denomination.

4. Conduct. There is a tendency observable at times to unduly exalt the emotional part of religion at the expense of the practical. We do not require or desire any less blessing and its manifestation, but we do need closer living and more careful walking before God. Any looseness or laxity of personal life causes the manifestation of genuine blessing to become an actual source of weakness to our work. God has wonderfully poured out His Spirit upon us, but the more we have of His Spirit the more we must resemble Jesus. "He that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also so to walk, even as He walked." (I John 2:6). The question of conduct should receive especial attention: (a) In regard to our conduct toward the opposite sex. All should heed, and especially preachers, the admonition of the Discipline, "Converse sparingly and conduct yourself prudently with women." Many a useful man has gone down by not obeying this injunction. (b) Any laxity in regard to meeting our obligations, and paying our bills, be it either preacher or lay member. While it may not be fatal to the soul, may, and we believe, does, cripple or destroy the influence both of the individual and the society to which he ministers or belongs. The General Rules of the Church well demand that we "take up no goods without a probability of paying for them." Our work is now weakened in places by losing sight of this requirement. Laxity in meeting financial obligations implies laxity in religious principles. No amount of genuine blessing is sufficient to satisfy the person who fails to receive money rightfully due him.

5. Local Helpers. There is, we think, a growing inclination to use less and less the local preachers, evangelists, and those who should be helping in the vineyard of the Lord. Licenses are not supposed to be granted simply as compliments. The latent talent that lies buried within the bounds of this conference, represented by our licensed workers and noble young people is appalling. Paragraph 149 of the Discipline reads, "Let the appointments be so arranged as to give the local preachers regular and systematic employment on the Sabbath." If this was heeded, would it not be possible for us to "enlarge the place of our tents," and, "to lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes?" We fear many are becoming at ease in Zion from a lack of any opportunity to work. We should endeavor to devise means by which all our latent force may be conserved and developed to the praise of the Lord of the harvest. We are commanded to pray the Lord to send forth laborers into the fields "for they are white already to harvest." Are we helping to answer these prayers?

6. Pastoral Visiting. On the part of the preachers we fear there is a growing weakness to neglect or forget the affirmative answer given to the question, "Will you visit from house to house?" Perhaps the most common complaint against preachers is "He does not visit." How can we reach the people, unless we show an interest in them by visiting, and, where allowed, praying in the homes. It takes an extremely strong preacher to fill his church steadily without going into the homes of the membership and friends of the church. This work, while a great cross with many, must not be neglected. Many have been reached and saved, yea added to the church, as the result of a visit from some preacher. We wonder if all are clear of the charge made in Matt. 25: 43, "I was sick . . . and ye visited me not." Do not let any preacher in the Oil City conference have it truthfully said of him that he neglects his duty in this respect.

7. Hospitality. Another weakness that is becoming quite apparent is the growing lack of hospitality. The standard is "given to hospitality," but in many places, especially in the cities, it is becoming more and more a ques-

tion where to find entertainment for our general gatherings. Should special help be secured for revival services, where can entertainment be secured? is frequently the question. It is glaring inconsistency that expects the preacher's home to be always open, and for all to be entertained there. Perhaps the increased cost of living and the high rents prevailing in the cities may have something to do with this condition, yet care should be exercised to see that the Scriptural injunction is obeyed, "Use hospitality one to another without grudging." There should be a prophet's chamber in every pilgrim home.

III. What dangers confront us?

1. Division. One of the greatest dangers is that a spirit of division may come in among us. Alas for our work when we lose that spirit of love, unity and harmony which has characterized our work in this conference. The devil knows full well that he can do nothing with us or against us so long as we keep united in spirit. So he is even now attempting to sow the seeds of division among us. If division comes, it will be caused by conditions. What is, or may be, the principle condition that is likely to cause division? A desire to fill the best and most honorable places.

The years of service spent for God either as a preacher or lay member, the sacrifices necessarily made to take this much-reproached route, the abilities shown in successfully conducting whatever has been undertaken, or a lack of the genuine experience of holiness may cause some to think that God calls them to fill or occupy certain positions. Failing to receive them, easily brings in jealousy towards those who do receive them, and division and trouble must follow. Can we not profit by the experience of others who have failed on this line, and all humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God and hold ourselves literally to the death to the teachings of the Word: "How can ye believe which receive honor one of another?" and, "In honor preferring one another." A self-centered condition is dangerous.

Other conditions containing danger of division might be mentioned, but the limit of this report forbids.

2. Indefinite Experience. The Free Methodist Church is known as a holiness church. A church that believes in holiness of heart and life. We have ever stood as adamant against all assaults that would minimize or neutralize its manifestation in any or every condition of life. We have ever withstood any and all doctrines that would allow the carnal nature any place in a wholly sanctified heart. We have always believed that in harmony with the teaching of the Holy Bible "entire sanctification takes place subsequently to justification, and is the work of God wrought instantaneously upon the believing soul." We do not know of a preacher or lay member within the bounds of this or any other conference that disbelieves this doctrine. And yet we fear there is laxity in holding our members to obtaining definitely this experience. God has called us out on this issue. Unless we hold to this definitely, persistently and steadily, in our preaching and testimony, we shall fail of our mission, lose our power, and have no place in God's work. Entire sanctification as a second distinct work of grace must be preached doctrinally, experimentally, and practically.

3. Negative Issues. There is also danger of our becoming careless about insisting upon our negative issues. While these are not the life of the church and should never be preached or presented as our great aim, yet they constitute our backbone. A disposition to neglect this in the matter of personal attire and depart from the standard established by the fathers, is already very noticeable. There should be faithful preaching against worldliness of every kind, for unless the tide is checked there is grave danger of it destroying our spirituality, and thus our house be left unto us desolate. The command, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world," is as obligatory to-day as the day when it was uttered by John. Not only in the public ministrations, but in class and visitation the preachers and leaders should lovingly, yet firmly insist that plainness, neatness, and cleanness must characterize all our members. We must keep the "old way," and ever remember the days of plainness and simplicity.

4. Lack of Aggression. Lastly may be mentioned the very great danger

of our losing the spirit of aggressiveness. As preachers, we should and must feel that it is not enough for us to come to conference each year, reporting that we have barely held our own during the conference year. We believe we are called to see the conversion of sinners and the entire sanctification of believers. "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." A weeping preacher is a reaping preacher. Has the spirit of self-complacency found a place with any of us? There is not the opening up of new fields by revival and tent meetings that was once prominent in our work. This may result from the demand the charges and circuits make of the preachers in charge; demanding that they be given regular preaching by the pastors, and thus they are kept from going forth to the regions beyond. Would it not be better to use the local help, at times, to conserve the established work and thus give opportunity to extend our work. We are commanded to go forth, and should go "fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners." The declaration "that holding to the truth, as we, as a church, contend for it, is a wonder that we exist at all," is hardly in keeping with the teaching of the Word of God. We believe that holy living, faithful preaching, house to house visitation and personal work will bring gracious results. Let us not be lazy preachers. Rev. B. T. Roberts said, "A lazy preacher is not acceptable anywhere. No matter how correct his life, or how great his ability to preach, the people do not want him. There is no place for him on earth, there is no place for him in heaven, and if he goes to hell, the devil will go at him first thing to stir him up."

And now, in closing this report, which contains some plain truths, written in purity of motive and sincerity of purpose, we thank God for what He has enabled us, as a conference, to accomplish. Yet we believe there is room for improvement, and that there is a brighter future for us, of activity and usefulness, if we make all things according to the pattern shown us in the mount, and heed the exhortation given, "Let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing." God grant that it may be so. To this end your committee recommend that the first Friday of November be set aside as a day of fasting and prayer for a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all departments of the work of the church as embodied in the Oil City conference; and wherever practical, all-day meetings be held so that all who desire, may come to the house of God for meditation and prayer.

II.—ON EDUCATION.

We are heartily in favor of Christian education. Ignorance is a fertile soil for the production and growth of superstition and fanaticism. It can be truthfully said to-day, what God said in the days of Jeremiah, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."

We believe in educating the whole man, hands, head and heart. An education that omits any of these is defective.

We believe that some wholesome work is the best method of developing the physical part of man. God says we are to be "Workmen that needeth not to be ashamed." If suitable work cannot be provided, we believe that gymnastics (in a mild form) can be substituted. But we are opposed to making athletic sports the prominent part of an education.

We do not believe that the development of the mental powers of man is the chief purpose of an education. The mind may be drawn out until it has the power to grasp somewhat of the immensity of God's creation, or follow the laws that God has fixed to control nature, in their intricate and finest operations, and yet fail to accomplish the Divine purpose in life, unless it leads to a knowledge of God.

We believe that the conscience must be made to feel its moral responsibility to God and man, if education reaches its goal.

We are pained at the lack of moral and religious instruction in our public

schools; and the open criticism and skepticism, manifest in our higher educational institutions, is having its baneful influence on the rising generations.

Many of our young men enter the theological institutions with faith in the Bible as God's revealed truth, that graduate with the foundation of their faith shattered and destroyed forever.

It is of absolute importance that we make the Bible the standard of truth, if our conscience is to be correctly trained.

We are pleased to know that our own college at Greenville, Illinois, and our several seminaries still give to the Bible its rightful place in educational work. We feel safe in recommending our people to patronize our own schools, believing that the faith of their children in revealed religion will not be destroyed but strengthened by attending our schools.

We would not exalt education to supplant the necessity of the new birth, but believe, other things being equal, that he who has an education and the new birth combined, will be a greater factor for God in doing good than he who has not an education even if he has been born again.

We observe with deep concern a growing distaste for solid reading. Newspapers, religious novels and sensational tales and all sorts of trashy literature are eagerly devoured, while wholesome and weighty truths lie dust covered and neglected upon the book-shelf.

Of the venerable one to whom Christian was directed by Interpreter to look as his only guide, it was said that "his eyes were directed to heaven, in his hands was the best of books, and the world was behind his back."

The course of many a life has been changed by the reading of a single book or tract, while many lives have been blasted for time and eternity by bad literature.

One has said, "I am a part of everything I ever read." "Much of our modern fiction is like a pestilence in its suggestiveness and in its appeal to the lower instincts. Literature is produced and sold so vile that human eyes should never behold it, and the best of homes are not free from the slimy trail of this venomous serpent." Much that is considered a high type of fiction is extremely injurious, as it gives the reader a false conception and a wrong idea of real life, and wholly unfits one for meeting its realities and making a success in any useful calling.

Even much of the so-called religious literature is so full of falsehood and spiritual poison that one cannot be too guarded with reference to it. Our most excellent book of discipline wisely forbids the reading of those books that do not tend to the knowledge or love of God.

Let us be careful what kind of seed we sow, as it is certain to spring up in later life, either in noxious weeds or luscious fruit. We recommend "*The Free Methodist*," our "Sunday-school supplies," and the many useful books furnished by the publishing house, as an antidote for the poisonous literature of the day. We call the attention of all our ministers to the disciplinary requirements—paragraph 141, section 5—"To take care that every society is duly supplied with books." Also section 13 (same paragraph), "To raise money for the purchase of tracts, and attend to their distribution upon his circuit." In this respect are not "The children of this world in their generation wiser than the children of light"? Luke 16:8.

May not we learn a lesson from the Russellites, and like sons of Belial, who are literally seeding the nation with their blasphemous and soul-destroying publication?

"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand, for thou knowest not whether shall prosper either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OIL CITY CONFERENCE

OIL CITY, MEADVILLE AND NEW CASTLE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	OIL CITY DISTRICT												New Castle District			
		Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claims	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Recreation Conference	
J. M. Critchlow, Dist. Elder																	
Oil City, First Church.....	E. S. Zahniser.....	83	15	98	..	2	17	100	10	\$	36 45	\$ 14 58	\$ 12 15	\$ 12 15	\$ 18 10	\$ 2 43	
Oil City, Second Church.....	A. J. Beattie, supply.....	24	2	26	..	1	5	33	3	13 05	19 63	5 22	4 35	4 35	2 90	87	
Franklin, Rocky Grove, Mapledale	H. W. Mitchell.....	103	12	115	..	1	16	189	11	48 00	7 60	19 63	16 35	16 35	10 90	3 27	
Titusville.....	H. D. Call.....	40	1	41	..	1	11	55	11	18 00	9 30	7 50	6 30	6 30	4 20	1 26	
Pleasantville, Enterprise.....	H. D. Call.....	45	2	47	..	1	11	80	11	12 00	8 32	8 32	7 35	7 35	4 00	1 47	
Jamison, Hamilton, Diamond.....	William Bryenton, supply.....	31	1	32	..	1	16	35	1	13 50	5 40	4 50	4 50	4 50	3 00	3 39	
Stewart's Run, Plithole.....	John MacDonald.....	19	5	24	..	1	16	35	1	13 50	5 40	4 50	4 50	4 50	3 00	3 39	
Tionesta, German Hill, etc.....	G. A. Garrett.....	70	10	80	..	1	16	35	1	13 50	5 40	4 50	4 50	4 50	3 00	3 39	
Tidioute, Hickory.....	E. A. Reese.....	52	9	61	..	1	19	80	13	23 40	9 86	12 78	10 65	10 65	7 20	2 13	
Davey Hill.....	E. N. Fox.....	1	1	2	..	1	19	80	13	23 40	9 86	12 78	10 65	10 65	7 20	2 13	
Wayburg, Kellettville, etc.....	I. B. Barks.....	49	2	51	..	1	33	134	11	24 30	9 72	8 10	8 10	8 10	5 40	1 62	
Youngsville, Sugar Grove.....	I. B. Barks.....	62	10	72	..	1	11	107	5	29 00	11 52	6 40	6 40	6 40	9 40	15	
Warren.....	G. S. Bryan, supply.....	7	1	8	..	1	10	75	3	2 25	90	75	75	75	50	12	
Barnes, Saybrook.....	G. S. Bryan.....	20	1	21	..	1	22	18	5	7 10	4 14	3 45	3 45	3 45	2 30	69	
Weavers, West Home, etc.....	M. E. Wolcott.....	39	2	41	..	1	22	150	5	14 85	5 94	4 95	4 95	4 95	3 30	99	
Grove City, Bullion Scattering.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Meadville District																	
Meadville.....	M. B. Miller, District Elder	41	13	54	1	1	9	49	5	16 20	6 48	5 40	5 40	5 40	3 60	1 96	
Centerville.....	J. E. Barks.....	29	1	30	1	1	8	45	2	14 40	5 76	4 80	4 80	4 80	3 20	96	
Union City, Mill Village, etc.....	L. S. Hoover.....	31	17	48	2	1	8	65	3	15 00	6 30	3 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	60	
Girard, Stancilife.....	W. O. Webster.....	35	5	40	1	1	8	23	4	9 75	6 30	5 25	5 25	5 25	3 50	105	
Ernie, North East.....	A. G. Crill.....	39	17	56	2	1	10	68	7	15 75	6 30	5 25	5 25	5 25	3 50	105	
Comeant.....	June B. Hornung, supply.....	26	24	50	1	1	18	104	6	7 20	2 88	2 40	2 40	2 40	1 00	48	
New Castle District																	
New Castle (Arlington Avenue).....	M. B. Miller, District Elder	76	5	81	..	1	15	105	21	32 85	13 14	10 85	10 85	10 85	7 30	19	
New Castle (Devey Avenue).....	E. L. Monroe.....	50	14	64	2	..	16	58	6	19 80	7 52	6 30	6 30	6 30	4 30	32	
Centerville.....	E. L. Kifer.....	53	9	62	..	1	12	120	12	23 95	9 19	7 16	7 16	7 16	5 10	114	
Elford, Keely, Wampum.....	J. C. Davidson.....	82	1	83	..	1	12	130	3	23 95	9 19	7 16	7 16	7 16	5 10	114	
Argentine, Bruin.....	W. E. Smith.....	22	1	23	..	1	8	80	3	15 40	7 35	6 15	6 15	6 15	4 50	53	
Mercer, Prospect, Bethel, etc.....	E. A. Archer.....	47	14	61	1	1	18	85	12	25 20	10 08	8 40	8 40	8 40	4 60	113	
Sharon.....	W. J. Barks.....	78	4	82	1	1	15	161	10	34 65	13 86	11 55	11 55	11 55	4 70	2 81	

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Bradford District																									
Bradford	J. J. Zahniser, Dist. Elder	57	7	64	1	1	1	11	60	13	22	50	9 00	7 00	1 50	7 50	7 35	1 00	22 50	9 00	7 00	7 50	7 35	1 00	1 50
Brace Creek, Limestone	F. W. McClelland	42	2	44	1	1	1	19	25	10	22	50	8 82	7 35	1 50	2 40	2 40	1 00	7 20	2 88	2 40	2 40	1 60	1 60	1 48
Lewis Run, Simpson	G. B. Tingle, supply	12	2	14	1	1	1	5	18	6	7	20	2 88	2 40	1 50	2 40	2 40	1 00	7 20	2 88	2 40	2 40	1 60	1 60	1 48
Duke Center, Riford	C. Smith	16	2	18	1	1	1	10	34	6	13	25	7 20	6 20	1 50	6 20	6 20	1 00	17 10	7 20	6 20	6 20	1 60	1 60	1 48
Elkred, West Eldred	C. J. Edwards	31	1	32	1	1	1	10	34	6	13	25	7 20	6 20	1 50	6 20	6 20	1 00	17 10	7 20	6 20	6 20	1 60	1 60	1 48
Port Allegany	W. A. Quick	31	1	32	1	1	1	10	34	6	13	25	7 20	6 20	1 50	6 20	6 20	1 00	17 10	7 20	6 20	6 20	1 60	1 60	1 48
Ulysses, Harrison Valley, etc.	W. Brownlee	37	12	49	1	1	1	18	50	8	19	80	6 84	5 70	3 80	5 70	5 70	1 00	17 10	6 84	5 70	5 70	3 80	3 80	1 14
Galeton, West Branch, etc.	J. N. Bennett	32	12	44	1	1	1	18	50	8	19	80	6 84	5 70	3 80	5 70	5 70	1 00	17 10	6 84	5 70	5 70	3 80	3 80	1 14
Austin, Coudersport, etc.	R. F. Leight	36	14	50	1	1	1	18	50	8	19	80	6 84	5 70	3 80	5 70	5 70	1 00	17 10	6 84	5 70	5 70	3 80	3 80	1 14
Emporium	T. W. Marks	31	14	45	1	1	1	12	45	10	14	85	7 92	6 60	4 40	6 60	6 60	1 00	17 10	7 92	6 60	6 60	4 40	4 40	1 32
Ridgway	E. H. Zahniser	35	6	41	1	1	1	17	45	11	17	10	6 84	5 70	3 80	5 70	5 70	1 00	17 10	6 84	5 70	5 70	3 80	3 80	1 14
Williamstown	J. Marshall, supply	19	12	31	1	1	1	11	13	2	13	2	1 44	1 20	1 20	1 20	1 20	1 00	3 60	1 44	1 20	1 20	80	80	1 24
Scattering	J. L. Sutton	19	12	31	1	1	1	11	13	2	13	2	1 44	1 20	1 20	1 20	1 20	1 00	3 60	1 44	1 20	1 20	80	80	1 24
Kane District																									
Kane, Lemont, Highland	A. J. Hill, District Elder	14	1	15	1	1	1	6	18	3	6	70	2 70	2 25	2 25	2 25	2 25	1 50	6 70	2 70	2 25	2 25	1 70	1 70	4 00
Penfield	R. B. Brewster, supply	34	6	40	1	1	1	8	50	4	15	30	6 12	5 10	5 10	5 10	5 10	1 70	15 30	6 12	5 10	5 10	3 40	3 40	1 02
Rockawayville, Mountain, Egypt	T. S. Slocum	38	9	47	1	1	1	11	60	7	15	30	6 12	5 10	5 10	5 10	5 10	1 20	15 30	6 12	5 10	5 10	3 40	3 40	1 02
Zimmerman, Loleta, Bells	H. N. Hepler	39	9	48	1	1	1	11	60	7	15	30	6 12	5 10	5 10	5 10	5 10	1 20	15 30	6 12	5 10	5 10	3 40	3 40	1 02
DuBois, Sabula, Falls Creek	O. S. Winslow, supply	37	8	45	1	1	1	6	39	3	12	60	5 04	4 20	4 20	4 20	4 20	1 40	12 60	5 04	4 20	4 20	2 80	2 80	1 36
Brookville, Alaska	J. J. Ghader	31	8	39	1	1	1	6	39	3	12	60	5 04	4 20	4 20	4 20	4 20	1 40	12 60	5 04	4 20	4 20	2 80	2 80	1 36
Marionville, Tyersburg	J. F. Collins	28	5	33	1	1	1	8	50	3	13	45	3 78	3 40	3 40	3 40	3 40	1 20	13 45	3 78	3 40	3 40	3 20	3 20	96
Strattonville, Pine City, Authors	B. J. Hall, supply	43	4	47	1	1	1	9	40	3	13	45	3 78	3 40	3 40	3 40	3 40	1 20	13 45	3 78	3 40	3 40	3 20	3 20	96
Clarion, Shirey	W. E. McFadden, supply	9	1	10	1	1	1	3	40	3	13	45	3 78	3 40	3 40	3 40	3 40	1 20	13 45	3 78	3 40	3 40	3 20	3 20	96
Tyrone District																									
Tyrone, Juniata	A. T. Sager	36	14	50	1	1	1	9	32	7	9	45	3 78	3 15	3 15	3 15	3 15	1 50	9 45	3 78	3 15	3 15	2 10	2 10	63
Phillipsburg, Gearhartville	L. L. Adams	29	1	30	1	1	1	13	50	1	23	85	3 96	3 80	3 80	3 80	3 80	1 50	4 94	3 96	3 80	3 80	2 20	2 20	1 10
Belleville	G. J. Kelley	50	5	55	1	1	1	7	50	5	18	00	9 45	7 95	7 95	7 95	7 95	1 50	23 85	9 45	7 95	7 95	2 70	2 70	1 59
Belleville	Samuel Stimer	16	4	20	1	1	1	7	70	3	18	00	3 24	2 70	2 70	2 70	2 70	1 50	18 00	3 24	2 70	2 70	2 70	2 70	1 62
Total		1953	827	2280	32	28	83	526	3195	354	\$ 870	51	\$348	25	\$286	56	\$287	05	\$204	80	\$ 65	88			

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OIL CITY CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

OIL CITY, MEADVILLE AND NEW CASTLE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Mission- ary Claim	Woman's For- eign Missionary Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Byangellists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
Oil City District															
Oil City, First Church.....	4 05	\$	170 00	\$	%	98 35	4 03	650 33	\$ 180 00	\$ 110 40	\$	00	\$	6000	2360
Oil City, Second Church.....	1 45	.....	8 15	.....	.....	48 39	1 45	400 00	.....	97 04	17 01	00	6000	1800	1800
Franklin, Rocky Grove, Mapledale	5 45	.....	132 20	1 25	2 25	80 08	4 45	573 00	240 00	100 00	104 57	00	6500	5000	5000
Titusville.....	2 10	.....	877 73	.....	.....	41 07	2 10	500 00	150 00	60 00	67 00	00	4500	4500	5000
Pleasantville, Enterprise.....	2 45	.....	46 08	.....	.....	28 00	2 45	300 00	.....	40 00	41 50	00	2500	2500	500
Hamilton, Summit, Diamond.....	1 60	.....	5 00	.....	.....	20 00	1 50	137 64	.....	20 00	.....	00	4000	1	500
Stanton, German Hill, etc.....	1 65	.....	23 35	.....	.....	90 00	65	500 00	100 00	55 00	32 00	00	1800	1	1800
Tionesta, Hickory.....	2 60	.....	40 83	.....	5 00	46 00	2 60	475 42	72 00	76 02	.....	00	5000	1	1200
Davey Hill.....	2 70	.....	120 00	.....	.....	71 05	2 70	575 00	100 00	60 00	5 00	00	5000	1	1500
Mayburg, Kellettville, etc.....	3 20	.....	131 61	.....	.....	53 14	3 20	449 50	95 00	80 00	100 00	00	2000	1	2000
Youngsville, Sugar Grove.....	2 25	.....	10 58	.....	.....	17 22	1 15	211 97	84 00	45 03	8 38	00	1000	1	1000
Warren.....	1 13	.....	52 75	.....	.....	54 89	1 65	368 98	75 00	59 61	.....	00	4800	1	600
Barnes, Saybrook.....	1 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	00	.....	.....	.....
Weavers, West Home, etc.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	00	.....	.....	.....
Grove City, Bullion.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	00	.....	.....	.....
Scattering.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	00	.....	.....	.....
Meadville District															
Meadville.....	1 80	.....	86 15	.....	.....	40 00	1 80	500 00	.....	60 70	10 02	1	3000	.....	.....
Centerville, Tryonville, etc.....	1 60	.....	37 45	.....	.....	18 95	1 60	284 57	.....	24 38	3 00	1	4000	.....	.....
Union City, Mill Village, etc.....	1 00	.....	32 80	.....	.....	35 31	1 00	475 42	.....	35 25	10 50	1	3000	.....	.....
Girard, Stanchfield.....	1 75	.....	26 81	.....	1 25	5 59	1 75	356 26	.....	45 00	9 50	1	.....	.....	.....
Erie, North East.....	1 75	.....	32 80	.....	.....	68 17	1 75	518 57	150 00	63 26	54 47	1	3600	1	1100
Conaut.....	1 80	.....	38 61	.....	.....	38 60	1 80	223 13	.....	42 22	105 04	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Castle District															
New Castle (Arlington Avenue).....	3 65	.....	135 85	3 19	.....	115 08	3 65	604 81	180 00	95 54	47 51	1	6500	1	2500
New Castle (Dewey Avenue).....	2 20	.....	212 75	4 00	.....	70 78	2 20	623 88	108 00	84 47	11 27	1	3500	1	2000
Coal Town.....	2 10	.....	106 65	.....	.....	62 65	2 10	430 00	100 00	78 00	.....	1	2500	1	2000
Ellwood City, Keely, Wampum.....	2 25	.....	151 05	.....	.....	74 94	2 25	608 91	120 00	76 09	.....	1	1500	1	1500
Argentine, Brun.....	2 05	.....	122 83	3 00	.....	57 94	2 05	395 00	120 00	61 00	.....	2	5000	1	1800
Mercer, Prospect, Bethel, etc.....	3 00	.....	131 00	2 25	.....	80 00	3 00	350 00	120 00	43 42	6 00	1	7500	1	1800
Sharon.....	3 80	.....	112 80	.....	2 63	101 02	3 85	360 00	120 00	105 00	.....	1	5000	1	1200

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OIL CITY CONFERENCE--CONTINUED

BRADFORD, KANE AND TYRONE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Mission- ary Claim	Woman's For- eign Missionary Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
Bradford District															
Bradford	2 50	.....	141 66	1 00	97	43 84	2 50	605 09	120 00	91 11	31 25	1	2500	1	1400
Tuna Creek, Limestone.	2 45	.....	78 25	.....	1 00	53 26	2 45	481 98	72 00	78 70	.....	1	2200	1	1000
Lewis Run, Simpson.	80	6 50	.....	2 00	2 00	12 00	80	367 00	60 00	46 74	20 00	1	1000	1	700
Duke Center, Rixford.	1 45	.....	35 67	.....	66	11 60	80	512 10	50 00	56 54	23 85	1	2000	1	1000
Edred, West Eldred.	1 45	.....	82 57	.....	.....	13 53	1 45	432 51	50 00	65 00	.....	1	2000	1	1000
Port Allegany	1 45	.....	71 73	.....	.....	22 32	1 45	432 51	50 00	65 00	.....	1	2000	1	1000
Glysses, Valley, etc.	1 45	.....	71 73	.....	.....	22 32	1 45	432 51	50 00	65 00	.....	1	2000	1	1000
Wagon, Wagon, etc.	1 45	.....	71 73	.....	.....	22 32	1 45	432 51	50 00	65 00	.....	1	2000	1	1000
Gaston, Wagon, etc.	1 45	.....	71 73	.....	.....	22 32	1 45	432 51	50 00	65 00	.....	1	2000	1	1000
Austin, Coudersport, etc.	2 20	.....	35 11	.....	.....	27 29	1 90	450 58	120 00	53 75	40 66	1	1500	1	600
Emorium	1 65	.....	83 70	.....	.....	43 45	1 65	364 35	100 00	74 80	11 15	1	3500	1	1500
Ridgway	1 40	.....	78 23	25	25	47 60	1 40	475 00	218 00	62 00	9 81	1	3000	1	2700
John Wesley	.....	.....	7 00	.....	.....	9 57	.....	61 53	.....	14 47	43 21	1	1200	.....	.....
Williamsport	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	293 38	.....	14 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Scattering	.....	.....	484 92	.....	.....	.....	.....	90 00	.....	60 66	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kane District															
Kane, Lemont, Highland.	1 20	1 00	.....	.....	.....	18 00	75	382 69	120 00	46 22	.....	1	2000	1	1000
Penfield	1 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 75	1 70	300 00	72 00	50 00	.....	1	1600	1	500
Brookwayville, Mountain, Egypt.	1 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 26	1 70	346 46	25 00	64 14	.....	1	3500	.....	350
Zimmerman, Loleta, Bells.	68	.....	190 00	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
DuBois, Sabula, Falls Creek.	84	.....	44 66	.....	.....	37 72	1 40	215 44	60 00	61 40	.....	1	4000	.....	.....
Brookville, Alaska	1 05	6 00	.....	.....	.....	30 00	1 05	293 88	36 00	50 00	10 00	1	3500	.....	.....
Martenville, Tytersburg	1 60	.....	.....	60	60	11 87	1 60	250 00	38 00	57 25	17 24	1	2000	1	300
Strattonville, Pine City, Authors	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 50	2 00	282 86	40 00	43 50	.....	1	1100	.....	.....
Clanton, Shurey	60	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	60	38 22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tyrone District															
Tyrone, Juniata	1 05	.....	10 00	.....	.....	50 00	1 05	443 00	35 00	51 74	8 00	1	6000	1	1000
Phillipsburg, Gearhartville	1 10	2 00	.....	.....	.....	19 71	1 10	201 24	60 00	35 74	.....	1	1000	1	650
Fleming	2 65	.....	46 42	.....	.....	24 37	2 65	400 00	.....	43 39	.....	2	3500	.....	.....
Belleville	90	.....	17 55	.....	.....	23 90	90	197 48	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.	\$ 96 64	\$ 6 50	\$ 4359 79	\$ 18 54	\$ 19 41	\$ 2051 07	\$96 55	\$20054 26	\$3516 00	\$3023 07	\$ 958 00	80	\$147950	12	\$ 48850

WESTERN CANADA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Seventh Annual Session, held at Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, September 25-28, 1912

OFFICERS

- WALTER A. SELLEW, *President*
O. L. KING, *Secretary* R. H. HAMILTON, *Assistant Secretary*
R. H. HAMILTON, *Treasurer*
F. M. WEES, *Railroad Secretary for Saskatchewan District*
O. L. KING, *Railroad Secretary for Southern Alberta*
W. H. HAIGHT, *Railroad Secretary for Edmonton District*
JOSIE R. WEES, *Sunday-school Secretary for Saskatchewan*
R. H. SHOUP, *Sunday-school Secretary for Alberta*

COMMITTEES

- On Public Worship*—W. A. Sellew, F. M. Wees, F. D. Bradley.
On Publications—E. Steer, R. H. Shoup, Lizzie J. King, Robert Elsom.
On Sabbath-schools—Josie R. Wees, Hannah Walker, David Kirk, Earl Snider, Maggie Shoup.
On Education—R. H. Hamilton, R. R. Haight, Annie L. Steer, Robert Stephenson, W. H. Haight.
On State of the Work—The district elders.
On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.
On Collecting Funds to Publish the Minutes—R. H. Shoup.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—R. H. Shoup, W. H. Haight, Charles T. Dierks.
On Reforms—O. L. King, W. H. Haight, William Robson, Phoebe Proper, Eliza Freer.
On Temperance—Charles T. Dierks, D. D. Oughton, F. F. Prior.
On Auditing the Treasurer's Accounts—R. H. Shoup.
On Nominations—F. M. Wees, W. H. Haight, D. D. Oughton.
On Aggressive Evangelism—F. M. Wees, R. H. Hamilton, O. L. King, R. R. Haight, D. D. Oughton.
On Ministerial Relations—F. M. Wees, W. H. Haight, O. L. King, Robert Elsom, W. Robson.
To Locate Place for Holding the Next Annual Conference—O. L. King, F. M. Wees, R. H. Hamilton.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

- On Publications*—W. H. Haight, *On Temperance and Reforms*—R. H. Shoup,
On Education—F. M. Wees, *On Charities*—R. R. Haight.
On Sabbath-schools—F. F. Prior,

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

- F. M. Wees, president; Oscar L. King, secretary; R. H. Hamilton, treasurer; William Robson, David Kirk.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

- F. M. Wees, president, time expires 1913; O. L. King, time expires 1914; R. H. Hamilton, secretary, time expires 1915.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

- First quarter, General Missions (15 cents), Bishops' Salaries (18 cents);

second quarter, Conference Missions (25 cents); third quarter, Conference Claimants (45 cents); fourth quarter, Permanent Fund (5 cents), Church Extension (10 cents), Entertainment of General Conference (1 cent).

CUSTODIANS OF THE ROBERT HAMILTON FUND

F. M. Wees, president; R. H. Hamilton, treasurer; Oscar L. King, secretary; R. H. Shoup.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. Annie L. Steer, Indian Head, Saskatchewan; vice-president, Mrs. Jennie Haley, St. Boswald, Saskatchewan; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Lizzie Dierks, Westview, Saskatchewan; recording secretary, Mrs. Josie R. Wees, 128 Sixth avenue, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan; treasurer, Mrs. Jennie Hamilton, Weyburn, Saskatchewan; superintendent of Junior work, Mrs. Phoebe Proper, Bruce, Alberta.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

F. M. Wees,
R. R. Haight,
Charles T. Dierks,
J. B. Newville,

E. Steer,
O. L. King,
F. D. Bradley,
R. H. Hamilton,

R. H. Shoup,
F. G. Mathews,
W. H. Haight,
F. F. Prior,

DELEGATES

Robert Stephenson,
Lizzie J. King,
D. D. Oughton,
Earl Snider,

Maggie Shoup,
Phoebe Proper,
Hannah Walker,
Annie L. Steer,

D. Kirk,
Robert Elsom,
William Robson,

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. A. Sellew, F. M. Wees, O. L. King, W. H. Haight, David Kirk, D. D. Oughton, Lizzie J. King.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Charles B. Garrett, Charles Cronin.

4. Who remain on trial? J. F. Airhart, Charles Babcock, Heman Hurlburt.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? R. R. Haight, F. D. Bradley.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? R. H. Hamilton.

8, 10, 12, 13, 15, 21. No business.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? F. D. Bradley.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? F. F. Prior, an elder from the East Ontario conference.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed, except J. B. Newville, whose case was referred to the following committee: F. M. Wees, O. L. King, J. W. Haley, Robert Elsom.

16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23. See statistics.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? The place left with a committee; time, in the first two weeks of August, if possible; otherwise in the last two weeks of September; bishop to correspond with committee.

MISCELLANEOUS

This session had the best representation from the various fields, both of preachers and delegates, of any during our six years' existence as a con-

ference, eighteen preachers being present. Bishop W. A. Sellew, presided with grace and gave a number of spiritual and instructive addresses to the conference. He preached six times during the conference and was much helped of the Lord in so doing. The pastor at Moose Jaw, F. D. Bradley, and the district elder, F. M. Wees, were abundant in labors and secured excellent entertainment for the conference. The people at Moose Jaw are to be commended for their hospitality.

The conference took an advanced position on the subject of aggressive evangelism, and on the Sabbath took a subscription of \$450, to be paid by January 1, 1913, for opening and maintaining the work on new fields. The funds are to be in charge of the following committee: R. H. Hamilton, treasurer; R. H. Shoup, David Kirk. Fifty percent of this fund is to be used in supporting the district elders while engaged in revival meetings in new fields outside of their regular quarterly meetings.

On the Sabbath, R. H. Hamilton was ordained elder by the bishop, assisted by F. M. Wees, E. Steer and W. H. Haight. The reports from the various circuits show an increase of over eleven percent in membership over last year's reports. The receipts of the W. F. M. S. increased over 100 percent. The increase in ministerial support is over 17 percent.

The W. F. M. S. held a missionary meeting Sabbath afternoon. The address by the bishop, on the condition of women in foreign lands, was intensely interesting. At the close of the address a collection of \$83 was freely given for the missionary cause.

The people responded liberally to the appeals given, and \$690 was raised in cash and subscriptions during the conference.

APPOINTMENTS

SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT, F. M. WEES, District Elder, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan

Moose Jaw.....	Josie R. Wees, supply, 128 Sixth avenue, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan	
Westview	Charles T. Dierks, Westview,	"
Weyburn	R. H. Hamilton, Weyburn,	"
Blackheath, Froude and Hudmore.....	C. B. Garrett, Froude,	"
Estevan and Mizpah.....	F. F. Prior, Estevan,	"
Roseview and Rockland.....	Heman Hurlburt, Roseview,	"
Mt. Green, Knoxville and Loweton.....	Charles Babcock, Mt. Green,	"
Brooking and Millbrook.....	To be supplied	
Indian Head and Ebenezer.....	E. Steer, Annie L. Steer, supply, Indian Head, Saskatchewan	
Benito and Durban	William Finley, supply, Benito, Manitoba	

F. D. Bradley, supernumerary, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan; J. B. Newville, left without appointment, according to paragraph 96 of the Discipline, on recommendation of the committee on ministerial relations, Morse, Saskatchewan.

EDMONTON DISTRICT—W. H. HAIGHT, District Elder, Phillips, Alberta

Edmonton.....	R. H. Shoup, 288 Bolton street, Edmonton, Alberta	
Bruce and Phillips.....	Charles Cronin, Bruce,	"
Earlville, Ponoka and Brighton.....	To be supplied	
Wittenburg	To be supplied	
Calgary		

R. R. Haight, Florence Haight, supply, 308 Eighth St. W., Calgary, Alberta	
Gadsby and Sullivan Lake.....	To be supplied
Lake Geneva	To be supplied

F. G. Mathews, Strathcona, Alberta, left without appointment, according to paragraph 96 of the Discipline.

**SOUTHERN ALBERTA DISTRICT—OSCAR L. KING, District Elder,
Winnifred, Alberta**

Winnifred, Flowering Valley, Cormorant and Golden Sheaf....To be supplied
 Carlstadt.....W. E. Hunt, Nellie Hunt, supplies, Carlstadt, Alberta
 Kinnondale and Brooks.....Daniel Barr, supply, Kinnondale, "
 CanuckJ. F. Airhart, Canuck, Saskatchewan

LOCAL PREACHERS AND EVANGELISTS

[Not serving as pastors]

F. B. Lewis, 179 River street, Edmonton, Alberta	William Wilkinson, Weyburn, Saskatchewan
E. J. Draper, 241 Gallagher street, Edmonton, Alberta	Howard Traxler, Estevan, Saskatchewan
F. C. Wilson.....Edmonton, Alberta	Mrs. Jennie Elsom, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan
J. C. Sausser.....Winnifred, "	William Garvey.....Viking, Alberta
Mrs. L. P. King....Winnifred, "	William Black ....Brightview, "
John Robinson, Weyburn, Saskatchewan	*B. H. Green, 1625 Ottawa avenue, Edmonton, Alberta

*Local elder.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$37.50.
 BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed and paid, \$45.
 CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—Assessed and paid, \$112.50.
 PERMANENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$12.50.
 CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed and paid, \$25.
 GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—Assessed and paid, \$17.50.
 TOTAL—\$250.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON EDUCATION

One of the most important problems before us as a church to-day is the education of our youth, so that on the one hand the mind shall have the best possible training, and on the other, the spiritual man shall be developed in all that constitutes Bible truth and the life and power of holiness. Regarding the spiritual nurture of our children, Ralston says, "In proportion to its intrinsic and acknowledged importance, Christian parents generally are far more deficient in attention to the moral and religious culture of their children than in any other department of their education. In this respect, Christians of the present day were far excelled by the ancient people of God. Around the family hearth the pious Jew from night to night assembled his offspring, while he read from the Book of Law, expounded the sacred institutions of the true religion, and taught them the worship of the true God. The Jewish child was trained up to know the God of his father, and to revere his religion.

If we search the records of pagan antiquity, or examine the history of modern idolatrous worshipers, they too, in their unflinching and rigid attention to the training of their children, may shame the Christian world. It is painfully humiliating to be constrained to believe that with many Christian parents, while great concern is evinced that their children be well educated in the sense in which a vain, ungodly world understands the subject, that the intellect be stored with mere scientific knowledge, so little pains are taken to secure their moral and religious culture. If they would secure for their sons and daughters distinction and preeminence, in reference to this world, they spare neither time nor money, nor effort, but if their children are ever to become illustrious in the

sphere of moral and religious influence, in many cases it must be independent of all parental exertion.

While we rejoice in the efforts made by our government to establish competent schools in each community, we cannot but call attention to the prevailing atmosphere of pride, worldliness, sinful entertainment, doubt, criticism and skepticism thrown all around our youth in many of our academic and collegiate institutions. Strong, indeed, is the student mind and heart that can breathe from day to day the poisoned air of infidelity and doubt and remain strong and clean. The fact is patent that the young person entering the average college to-day has little chance to escape contamination, and the most mature Christian need "take heed lest he fall."

We believe our church has taken a wise and providential step in providing a number of highly efficient schools, with godly influence and spiritual instructors. We recommend these schools to our young people, especially those preparing for Christian work. We are sorry the American and Canadian curricula are so different, making it impossible for our Canadian young people who are preparing for any of our professions to take advantage of our Christian schools and secure certificates and diplomas valid in Canada.

Only two things face our young people in Canada, either take a course in one of our seminaries and continue his course in an American college and practise his profession in the United States, bidding goodby to his country; or take his course in the unhealthy spiritual atmosphere of our secular system.

We feel strongly the need of a Canadian school, and "through the twilight see the streaks of dawn." We feel like endorsing the step taken by the Saskatchewan district this past year, in carrying on a winter school; and while this is conservative, nevertheless it is an advance step, and we earnestly hope in the good Providence of God the time will come when under strong patronage, a Canadian Free Methodist Seminary will open her doors to our young people. Regarding our ministry, some have risen from obscurity to fame without the benefits of early mental discipline, but who could measure the mental caliber of some of these had they been more favored in youth? We should aim to be most efficient in declaring the gospel of Jesus, and the more clearly we are informed regarding the leading doctrines and apostacies of the age and the wider knowledge we have, and the better mental discipline we possess, the more effectually can we meet heresy and defend and advance the truth and command the respect of those who oppose themselves.

II.—ON REFORMS

We are a reform church, but reforms are not our main issue. Our work is to spread scriptural holiness over these lands. As this great work of holiness unto the Lord comes in conflict with sinful practises and works, it produces a reform along these lines; therefore, we are a reform church.

We feel that this is no time to lower our standard of godliness or to compromise with evil in any degree. Therefore, we reaffirm our position as unequivocally opposed, (1) to the liquor traffic in all its forms; (2) all oath-bound secret societies, which are one of the greatest hindrances to the spread of pure and undefiled religion; (3) conformity to the world as manifested in the wearing of gold, superfluous ornaments and in costly equipage; (4) in the tobacco habit and traffic; (5) and sinful amusements.

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Aggressiveness.—God has helped us in these western provinces. Our ministers and laymen have sacrificed much and labored hard. God has blessed our efforts, and we joyfully exclaim, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." But we see in some places a tendency now to settle down and be at ease in Zion. After our many struggles and hard labors have culminated in success, the feeling comes, "Now I will sit down, take it easy and enjoy my blessings." But this is the sure way to spiritual death. We must push out. We will die if we don't. This requires new sacrifices, however. The old appointments should urge the preacher to go into new neighboring communities with the Word and holy fire while the local preachers and class leaders carry on the work on the home circuit.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WESTERN CANADA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claims Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claims	General Missions Claims	Church Extension and Aid Society	Entertainment General	
Saskatchewan District	F. M. Wees, District Elder																
	F. D. Bradley.....	19	3	22	1	3	1	5	20	6	9	3	5	3	15	3	1
	Charles T. Dierks.....	34	2	36	1	2	1	6	45	6	15	6	12	8	30	1	4
	R. H. Hamilton.....	24	11	35	2	1	1	5	35	8	4	1	8	5	10	3	2
	C. B. Garrett, supply.....	28	..	28	1	1	1	4	35	8	9	3	1	3	1	1	7
	Howard E. Traxler, supply.....	31	3	34	1	1	1	7	35	15	17	5	3	5	2	1	4
	Roseville.....	17	1	18	1	1	1	4	25	6	9	3	2	3	2	2	7
	U. A. Harburt.....	9	1	10	1	1	1	3	40	1	3	4	3	5	2	1	4
	Green and Knoxville.....	8	1	9	1	1	1	3	15	3	3	4	3	4	1	2	8
	Indian Head and Ebenezer.....	7	1	8	1	1	1	3	15	3	3	4	3	4	1	2	4
Benito and Durban.....	1	1	2	1	1	1	3	15	3	3	4	3	4	1	2	4	
Edmonton District	W. H. Haight, District Elder																
Edmonton.....	R. H. Shoup.....	20	2	22	2	1	1	5	63	5	5	2	3	1	80	1	8
Bruce and Philips.....	Charles Cronin, supply.....	31	1	32	1	1	2	11	60	5	12	5	0	4	20	2	9
Conjuring Creek and Brightview.....	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Earlville and Ponoka.....	B. H. Green, supply.....	9	..	9	..	..	1	6	20	3	4	1	80	1	35	90	63
Wittenburg and Iola.....	4	..	4	..	..	2	6	25	2	4	0	5	1	35	90	63	
Calgary.....	R. R. Haight.....	10	3	13	1	1	1	6	25	4	1	7	1	60	40	28	..
Southern Alberta District	O. L. King, District Elder																
	O. L. King.....	10	3	13	1	1	2	10	55	5	1	7	5	60	40	28	..
	Daniel Barr, supply.....	15	8	23	1	1	1	4	25	3	2	0	4	90	60	42	..
	J. F. Althart.....	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	40	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
	Kimondale.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total.....		278	40	318	9	11	19	92	598	87	\$ 112 05	\$ 44 82	\$ 59 90	\$ 37 35	\$ 24 90	\$ 17 43	

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WESTERN CANADA CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Mission- ary Claims	Woman's For- eign Missions	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Bible's Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
Saskatchewan District															
Moose Jaw	\$		\$ 28 45	\$	\$ 4 45	\$ 40 75	1 05	464 23	\$ 480 00	\$ 85 50	\$	1	\$ 28 000	1	\$ 5500
Westview			78 05			38 75	1 70	470 55	120 00	120 90		1	2000	1	1300
Weyburn			45 15			40 50	55	468 20		82 60		1	3000	1	4000
Blackheath and Froude			45 10				1 05	412 00	25 00	52 75		1		1	900
Rosemary and Mizpah			68 95			35 00	1 35	420 00	200 00	51 50		1	3000	1	4500
Bassettview						14 12	1 60	292 57	48 00	38 40		1		1	600
Mount Green and Knoxville						18 45	35	308 24		50 90		2	2500	1	600
Indian Head and Ebenezer			40 00			3 14	35	41 00		58 35					
Benito and Durban		18 78	9 45												
Edmonton District															
Edmonton			12 35			42 50	60	206 27	50 00	115 90		1	1550	1	2500
Bruce and Phillips							20	245 05		46 70					200
Conjuring Creek and Brightview							45	95 00		34 50					
Earlville and Ponoka							45								
Wittenburg and Iola						22 84	20	438 00	300 00	71 05					
Calgary															
Southern Alberta District															
Winnifred and Whitla		20 50				45 00	20	83 85		15 00					
Carlstadt						13 00	30	177 85		50 50					
Canuck						8 70		7 00		26 60					
Kinnondale										11 85	15 00				
Total.....	\$ 39 28	\$ 327 50	\$ 4 45	\$ 382 70	\$ 12 45	\$ 4409 77	\$ 1223 00	\$ 971 00	\$ 15 00	\$ 20100		7	\$ 40050	9	\$ 20100

NORTH INDIANA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-seventh Annual Session, held at
South Bend, Indiana, September 25-28, 1912

OFFICERS

B. R. JONES, President
A. E. DAY, *Secretary* W. T. LORING, *Assistant Secretary*
MONROE WILLIAMS, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—B. R. Jones, D. D. Marston, M. Williams.
On Publishing the Minutes—A. E. Day, W. T. Loring.
On Collecting Funds to Publish the Minutes—R. Callison.
On Education—W. T. Loring, J. H. Davis, Frank Neff.
On Sunday-schools—A. E. Day, E. J. Bean, Kate Grant.
On Reforms—J. B. Robinette, C. W. Wade, W. A. Myers.
On Publications—D. D. Marston, G. W. Weidman, M. Nicholson.
On Examining Quarterly Conference Records—G. W. Wiedman, J. E. Kemp.
On Memoirs—D. D. Marston, C. S. Huston, Millie A. Green.
On Board of Claims and Claimants—B. R. Jones, D. D. Marston, Frank Danielson, E. J. Bean, W. T. Loring.

CONFERENCE AUDITOR

C. W. Wade.

CONFERENCE TREASURER

Monroe Williams.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

A. E. Day, president; C. W. Wade, secretary; D. D. Marston, treasurer; Frank Danielson.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

D. D. Marston, time expires 1913; W. T. Loring, time expires 1914; J. B. Robinette, time expires 1915.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Sunday-schools—W. T. Loring, *On Education*—P. E. Morgan,
On Publications—J. B. Robinette, *On Reforms*—C. W. Wade.

CONFERENCE SUNDAY-SCHOOL SECRETARIES

J. B. Robinette, Ft. Wayne and Muncie districts; A. E. Day, Knox district.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. C. W. Wade, president, R. F. D. 1, La Porte, Indiana; Mrs. D. D. Marston, vice-president, Red Key, Indiana; Mrs. Carrie Gates, vice-president, Mishawaka, Indiana; Mrs. Orpha McDuffie, treasurer, 513 W. Grove street, Mishawaka, Indiana; Miss Anna L. Bright, secretary, 117 E. Keasey street, South Bend, Indiana.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Home Missions (25 cents), (5 cents for Spring Arbor Seminary);
second quarter, Church Extension, General Missions; third quarter, Bishops'

Salaries, Permanent Fund, and three cents of the eight for entertaining general conference; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

W. T. Loring,
D. D. Marston,
S. H. Mathews,
M. Williams,
R. Callison,
A. J. Shady.

J. E. Kemp,
A. F. Godwin,
J. B. Robinette,
A. E. Day,
G. W. Weidman,

T. J. Loring,
C. W. Wade,
C. S. Huston,
G. H. Scofield,
P. E. Morgan,

DELEGATES

E. J. Bean,
J. H. Davis,
Frank Danielson,
Frank Neff,
Eliza Reeg.

Emil W. Hans,
Richard Myers,
Perry Querry,
Daniel Skanes,

Mollie A. Green,
Matie Nicholson,
Lydia Omrod,
Kate Grant,

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. R. Jones, D. D. Marston, F. Danielson.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Bruce Benjamin.
4. Who remain on trial? Anna L. Bright, C. E. Post, Christian Shumaker.
5. None.
6. Who are the deacons? A. J. Shady, G. H. Scofield.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? M. Williams, C. S. Huston.
8. Who have located this year? R. Callison.
9. None.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? A. F. Godwin, J. E. Kemp.
11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? P. E. Morgan, from the Wabash conference.
- 12, 13. None.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.
15. Who have died this year? Carson Moore.
- 16-20. See statistics.
21. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? A. F. Godwin, \$60; Nancy H. Reynolds, \$35.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? In connection with the camp-meeting, as near the first of August as convenient with the plans of the bishop; the place left to the decision of the following committee: D. D. Marston, W. T. Loring, Frank Danielson, E. J. Bean.

APPOINTMENTS

KNOX DISTRICT—W. T. LORING, District Elder

Knox J. A. J. Tannehill, Knox, Indiana
Medaryville, Rye and Taft... Perry E. Morgan, supply, Medaryville, "
Crown Point and Lowell..... C. S. Huston, Crown Point, "
Springville, LaPorte and Organ schoolhouse.....
..... C. W. Wade, R. R. 1, LaPorte, "
Three Oaks, Bunker Hill and Heston..... A. E. Day, Three Oaks, Michigan

South Bend and Auten Chapel.....
Monroe Williams, 1311 S. Rush street, South Bend, Indiana
 River ParkAnna L. Bright, 117 E. Keasey street, South Bend, "
 MishawakaC. E. Post, Mishawaka, "
 Elkhart and Granger..G. W. Weidman, 811 Princeton street, Elkhart, "
 J. E. Kemp, superannuated; A. J. Shady, left without appointment according to paragraph 96 of the Discipline; Christian Shumaker, attending Greenville College.

FORT WAYNE DISTRICT—W. T. LORING, District Elder, Fort Wayne, Indiana
 Fort Wayne....Earl F. Aiken, supply, 1403 Hurd street, Fort Wayne, Indiana
 Columbia City, Loraine and Bracken..E. Brady, supply, Columbia City, "
 Robert's Chapel and Sugar Grove.....
Bruce Benjamin, R. F. D. 6, Columbia City, "
 FremontS. H. Mathews, Fremont, "
 W. T. Loring, member of Fort Wayne district; T. J. Loring, evangelist.

MUNCIE DISTRICT—D. D. MARSTON, District Elder, Red Key, Indiana
 Muncie and DeSoto.....J. B. Robinette, Muncie, Indiana
 Red Key and Bluffton.....D. D. Marston, Red Key, "
 College CornersTo be supplied
 Union CityTo be supplied
 A. F. Goodwin, superannuated; G. H. Scofield, missionary to China.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Rosa Robinette, Muncie, Indiana.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Lillian Shilling.....Lowell, Indiana Sarah Longnecker, Crown Point, Indiana
 Christida Warren, Farm Land, Indiana ana

LOCAL ELDER

J. A. J. Tannehill, Knox, Indiana

LOCAL DEACONS

E. Berry, R. F. D. 6, Columbia City, E. J. Bean, 816 Cleveland avenue,
 Indiana South Bend, Indiana

LOCAL PREACHERS

Edward Russell, R. F. D. 2, Larwill, J. C. Wesley, 715 Middlebury street,
 Indiana John Daughertie, Medaryville, Indiana
 Lester Pletcher.....Larwill, Indiana Elkhart, Indiana

TREASURER'S REPORT

ON PUBLISHING THE MINUTES—\$17.95.

CONFERENCE CLAIMS—Assessed and paid, \$175.95.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed and paid, \$70.38.

GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$58.65.

CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed and paid, \$39.10.

PERMANENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$19.55.

GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—Assessed and paid, \$7.82.

HOME MISSION—Assessed and paid, \$78.20.

CHILDREN'S FUND—\$29.75.

HOME MISSION MONEY FOR THE COMING YEAR—Medaryville, \$15; River Park, \$20; Elkhart, \$10; Columbia City, \$15; Roberts Chapel, \$15; Muncie, \$10.

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Knox District	D. D. Marston, District Elder																
	Anna L. Bright.....	34	...	34	3	1	...	8	36	5	18 00	7 56	8 40	6 30	4 20	4 20	84
	Frank Vanek.....	28	...	28	3	2	...	12	65	5	14 40	5 76	6 40	4 80	3 20	3 20	64
	C. S. Huston.....	34	6	40	3	2	2	13	52	8	14 85	5 94	6 60	4 95	3 30	3 30	99
	A. E. Day.....	24	4	28	10	80	6	9 90	3 96	4 40	3 30	2 20	2 20	66
	Wm. L. Laffoe, etc.....	42	3	45	...	3	...	20	105	8	19 35	7 74	8 60	6 45	4 30	4 30	88
	C. W. Wade.....	46	12	58	1	14	75	8	17 00	9 84	7 60	5 70	3 80	3 80	76
	C. Williams.....	24	4	28	...	1	...	11	62	3	10 35	4 44	4 60	3 45	2 30	2 30	46
	C. E. Pickett.....	20	...	20	1	11	62	2	9 45	3 78	4 20	3 15	2 10	2 10	42
	G. W. Weidman.....	20	...	20	1	11	62	2	9 45	3 78	4 20	3 15	2 10	2 10	42
Ft. Wayne District	D. D. Marston, District Elder																
	Carson Moore.....	47	...	47	...	1	1	12	70	9	21 15	8 46	9 40	7 05	4 70	4 70	94
	S. P. Mathews.....	20	...	20	3	8	25	1	9 45	3 78	4 20	3 15	2 10	2 10	42
	E. Brady.....	18	8	26	1	14	35	2	11 25	4 50	5 00	3 75	2 50	2 50	50
Union City District	D. D. Marston, District Elder																
	Bruce Benjamin.....	17	3	20	...	1	1	8	20	1	9 00	3 60	4 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	60
	J. B. Robinette.....	19	10	29	...	1	2	10	35	1	10 80	4 23	4 80	3 10	2 40	2 40	48
	D. D. Marston.....	10	...	10

Total.....		383	50	433	9	5	21	145	667	50	\$ 175 95	\$ 70 29	\$ 78 20	\$ 58 15	\$ 39 10	\$ 39 10	\$ 8 57

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH INDIANA CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHURCH	Delegates to Men- eral Conference	Foreign Mission- ary Claim	Woman's For- eign Missionary Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property	
Knox District																
Knox	\$	\$ 8 00	\$ 18 00	\$ 2 50	\$ 1 50	\$ 28 30	\$ 2 10	\$ 191 36	\$ 72 00	\$ 45 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 1	\$ 2000	1	\$ 800	
Medaryville, Rye and Taft	25 00	57 85	4 45	.....	40 80	1 60	145 63	.....	27 50	.....	.....	.....	2100	.....
Crown Point and Lowell	37 76	3 86	.....	53 00	1 65	515 37	96 00	50 00	25 56	.....	.....	1500	.....
Three Oaks, Bunker Hill, etc.	69 37	42 60	.....	26 03	53 00	1 10	187 00	72 00	30 50	.....	.....	.....	1000	.....
Springville, LaPorte, etc.	16 00	42 60	.....	12 70	53 00	1 10	535 00	90 00	61 70	25 50	.....	.....	1500	.....
South Bend and River Park	4 60	44 00	.....	2 75	58 00	1 10	440 00	144 00	60 00	3 60	.....	.....	2000	.....
Shawwaka	35 63	1 05	337 76	92 00	34 40	.....	.....	.....	2000	.....
Elkhart and Grainger	13 00	1 05	327 00	96 00	30 00	15 00	.....	.....	2000	.....
Ft. Wayne District																
Ft. Wayne	88 68	80 00	2 35	733 67	192 00	52 65	10000	1	3000
Columbia City and Loraine	64	16 44	1 23	89 33	12 00	56 70	14 00	1000	1	700
Roberts Chapel and Bracken	21 28	1 23	238 23	60 00	25 25	3000	1	1000
Union City District																
Union City	18 00	1 00	115 00	50 00	15 00	1000	1	700
Red Key, DeSoto and Muncie	25 00	1 20	290 00	60 00	39 25	2500	1
Bluffton	25 00
Total	\$	\$122 97	\$ 280 53	\$ 10 81	\$ 32 80	\$ 471 72	\$19 55	\$405 67	\$1036 00	\$ 522 85	\$ 79 66	21	\$ 36200	9	\$ 13700	

PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirtieth Annual Session, held at Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania, October 2-6, 1912

OFFICERS

WILLIAM PEARCE, *President*
J. F. SILVER, *Secretary* H. A. BALDWIN, *Assistant Secretary*
R. B. CAMPBELL, *Statistical Secretary* E. H. KENNEDY, *Assistant Statistician*
J. P. FOY, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

- On Nominations*—A. D. Zahniser, J. P. Foy, C. H. Miller, J. C. King, J. G. McConnell.
On Public Worship—William Pearce, R. A. Zahniser, J. C. Rose, Oliver Walker.
On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.
To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—W. G. Long.
On Examining Quarterly Conference Records—J. H. Whiteman, A. Lenkerd, L. C. Andre, Oliver Atkinson, H. L. Dibble.
To Audit Accounts—J. H. Whiteman.
On Conference Missions—The stationing committee.
On Education—T. R. Wayne, C. F. Johnston, F. P. Hague.
On Sabbath-schools—H. A. Baldwin, Alvin Rose, David Isenburg.
On Publications—J. F. Silver, John Simpson, R. N. Large.
On Reforms—J. B. Easton, T. A. Cunningham, L. N. Campbell.
On State of the Work—R. A. Zahniser, Fred Palmer, L. C. Andre.
On Charities—N. L. Smith, Oliver Walker, Brooks Morgan.
On Conference Claimants and Claims—William Pearce, Albert Wilson, J. B. Easton, J. G. McConnell, G. B. Lambert.
On Memoirs—J. F. Silver, R. A. Zahniser, Albert Wilson, J. P. Foy, H. O. Ridenour, J. I. McCullough.
On Reporting for the Press—C. E. Blews, F. M. Hendricks.
On Street Meetings—John Douglas, W. G. Long, A. L. Duncan, Laura Lamb, Clara Foy.
On Complimentary Resolutions—H. L. Dibble.
On Location of Church Property—The conference trustees.
Tent Committee—Albert Wilson, J. B. Easton, D. W. Rose, W. W. Spiker, C. H. Miller, F. P. Hague, Charles Rose, W. W. Lewis, T. A. Cunningham, J. C. King.
Laymen's Committee on Pastoral Support—J. G. McConnell, Josiah Cusick, G. B. Lambert, T. A. Cunningham, E. E. Harford, Harry Briggs.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

T. R. Wayne, president; J. B. Easton, secretary; Albert Wilson, treasurer;
G. B. Lambert, C. E. Blews, F. P. Hague.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

J. F. Silver, president; J. G. McConnell, secretary; Miller Flocker, treasurer;
Albert Wilson, T. A. Cunningham, J. C. King.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. H. Whiteman, 1915, president; R. A. Zahniser, 1914, secretary; N. L. Smith, 1913; J. F. Silver, 1914; E. E. Shelhamer, D. W. Rose, 1915.

DIRECTORS OF PROVIDENCE MISSION AND RESCUE HOME

Albert Wilson, president; J. B. Easton, vice-president; C. E. Blews, secretary; H. C. Glosser, treasurer; J. F. Silver, D. W. Rose, H. W. Armstrong, G. B. Lambert, J. G. McConnell, S. H. Funkhouser.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Sabbath-schools—R. B. Campbell, *On Publications*—J. H. Whiteman,
On State of the Work—D. W. Rose, *On Education*—W. W. Spiker,
On Reforms—A. Lenkerd, *On Charities*—Oliver Atkinson.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions (15 cents), Church Extension (10 cents); second quarter, Bishops' Fund (18 cents), Permanent Fund (5 cents), Expenses of Delegates to General Conference (5 cents), Entertainment of General Conference (2 cents); third quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund (45 cents); fourth quarter, Conference Missions (20 cents); total, \$1.20.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Alma L. Miller, president, Uniontown, Pennsylvania; Mrs. A. D. Zahniser, first vice-president, 20 Kenova street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Lucia A. Rose, second vice-president, Birdville, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Edna Rose, recording secretary, East Liverpool, Ohio; Mrs. Edith Lenkerd, corresponding secretary, Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania; Mrs. H. L. Speer, treasurer, 5212 Frankstown avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Ida M. Shirer, Junior superintendent, 490 Connecticut avenue, Rochester, Pennsylvania.

ADDRESSES

William Pearce, president, Titusville, Pennsylvania.
 J. F. Silver, secretary, 416 Center avenue, Butler, Pennsylvania.
 J. P. Foy, treasurer, Vandergrift Heights, Pennsylvania.
 J. G. McConnell, treasurer of funds for widows, 1907 Birdella street, West End, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
 R. B. Campbell, treasurer of funds for Greensburg district elder, 347 Morewood avenue, Blairsville, Pennsylvania.
 H. C. Glosser, treasurer of Providence Mission and Rescue Home, Arnold and Pike streets, West End, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
 J. F. Culler, treasurer of the Belle Vernon church property, Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania.
 T. R. Wayne, Sunday-school secretary for the Rochester and Atlanta districts, 527 Third avenue, New Brighton, Pennsylvania.
 R. B. Campbell, Sunday-school secretary for Greensburg, Uniontown and West Virginia districts. (See address above).
 J. H. Whiteman, Sunday-school secretary for the Pittsburgh and Butler districts, Tarentum, Pennsylvania.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

J. Barnhart,	W. A. Sellaw,	A. D. Zahniser,
T. R. Wayne,	E. E. Shelhamer,	J. B. Easton,
H. A. Baldwin,	L. C. Andre,	A. F. Faust,
J. F. Silver,	H. L. Speer,	Albert Wilson,
W. G. Long,	A. Lenkerd,	W. W. Spiker,
C. W. Stamp,	B. Hosbach,	C. F. Johnston,
J. H. Whiteman,	J. P. Foy,	F. W. Boettner,

PREACHERS—Continued

R. N. Large,
C. H. Miller,
H. H. O'Bryon,
W. B. Harris,
C. I. Schroder,
R. B. Campbell,
J. B. Cunningham,

G. L. Coughron,
F. E. Glass,
Oliver Atkinson,
L. N. Campbell,
R. A. Zahniser,
E. E. Finley,
W. I. Smith,

Oliver Gornall,
D. W. Rose,
N. L. Smith,
H. W. Armstrong,
J. C. Rose,
H. L. Dibble,
J. W. Howard.

DELEGATES

G. B. Lambert,
Mrs. Lucia A. Rose,
Frank Blaney,
J. C. King,
J. M. McCracken,
Mrs. Sadie Gunder,
Miss Perie Kennison,
T. A. Cunningham,
Earl Misner,
F. P. Hague,
W. W. Lewis,
Miller Flocker,
Arthur Palmer,
George Ryan,
Fred Diddle.

J. G. McConnell,
J. W. Simpson,
Mrs. Barbara Brock,
Mrs. Emma Livengood,
Fred Palmer,
Charles D. Rose,
John Sykes,
Mrs. Lizzie Waugh,
David Isenburg,
Miss Edna Cummings,
Nathaniel Muir,
J. I. McCullough,
Mrs. A. Cunningham,
Mrs. L. B. Jeffries,

Joseph Tichner,
Alvin Rose,
Harry Ridenour,
C. E. Blews,
Joseph Wolfe,
Mrs. Fiahlin Blair,
J. A. Armstrong,
Joseph Barrett,
R. A. Allison,
Grant Funk,
F. M. Hendricks,
E. O. Brown,
Vance Cashdollar,
Emily Baxter,

2. Who are the stationing committee? William Pearce, Albert Wilson, J. B. Easton, D. W. Rose, W. W. Spiker, R. A. Zahniser, N. L. Smith, J. G. McConnell, Miller Flocker, G. B. Lambert, T. A. Cunningham, J. C. King, Mrs. Alfreda Cunningham.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? F. M. Hendricks, E. H. Kennedy.

4. Who remain on trial? E. L. Garrow, E. R. Smith, A. L. Duncan, O. J. Withrow, W. P. Juhlin, J. H. Spears, Brooks Morgan, Paul Stewart, Laura Lamb, S. W. Ayers.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? J. W. Howard, W. I. Smith, J. B. Cunningham.

6. Who are the deacons? B. Hosbach, G. L. Cochran, R. N. Large, Oliver Atkinson, W. B. Harris, L. N. Campbell, C. I. Schroder, J. C. Rose, E. E. Finley, *W. I. Smith, *J. B. Cunningham. See Local Preachers.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? R. B. Campbell.

8. Who have located this year? G. L. Coughron.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? E. R. Smith, Paul Stewart, B. Hosbach, E. E. Finley.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? J. Barnhart, F. E. Glass.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? H. L. Dibble, from the Oil City conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? M. A. Parker, J. W. Howard, W. I. Smith.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

15. Who have died this year? J. N. McKim.

16, 17, 18, 19, 20. See statistical tables.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? Mrs. R. H. Bentley, \$150; Mrs. Lydia A. Grace and five children, \$140; Mrs. J. W. McIntosh, \$30; Mrs. J. N. McKim, \$30.

*Ordained this year.

22, 23. See statistical table.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At New Brighton, Pennsylvania, as near the third Wednesday in September, 1913, as can be arranged by the bishops.

APPOINTMENTS

PITTSBURGH DISTRICT—ALBERT WILSON, District Elder, 1005 Wymore street, West End, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Pittsburgh (Mt. Washington).....
 H. W. Armstrong, 14 Kathleen street, South Side, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
 Pittsburgh (Frankstown avenue)
H. L. Speer, 8212 Frankstown avenue, Pittsburgh, “
 Pittsburgh (Steuben street).....
 ...R. A. Zahniser, 1040 Steuben street, West End, Pittsburgh, “
 Pittsburgh (Providence Mission)J. I. McCullough, chaplain,
24 Sycamore street, Mt. Washington, Pittsburgh, “
 Pittsburgh (Glenwood avenue), Whitaker and Homestead.....
 W. G. Long, Glenwood avenue and Almeda street, Pittsburgh, “
 New Kensington and Eckels.....
Rosalette Ullom, supply, New Kensington, “
 McKeesport and Duquesne.....
John Douglas, 318 Stoner avenue, McKeesport, “
 Braddock and East Pittsburgh.....
A. L. Duncan, 515 Hawkins avenue, Braddock, “
 Carnegie, McDonald and Washington..F. M. Hendricks, Carnegie, “
 Smithton, Collinsburg and Osborne.....To be supplied
 Clairton and Lewis Run.....To be supplied
 Frankfort and Burgettstown.....To be supplied
 Walter A. Sellev, bishop, 68 Falconer street, Jamestown, New York; C. W. Stamp, general conference evangelist, 1132 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois; J. Barnhart, superannuated, Seattle, Washington; F. E. Glass, superannuated, Tuna Creek, Pennsylvania; E. R. Smith, supernumerary, Burgettstown, Pennsylvania; Paul Stewart, supernumerary, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT—J. B. EASTON, District Elder, 48 Cresson street, Mt. Washington, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

New Brighton, Beaver Falls and Fallston.....
T. R. Wayne, 527 Third avenue, New Brighton, Pennsylvania
 Rochester, Pleasant Valley and Sewickley.....
H. H. O'Bryon, 466 East Madison street, Rochester, “
 Woodlawn and MonacaE. R. Langworthy, supply
 Hookstown, Georgetown and Ohioville.....
William Rambo, supply, Hookstown, Pennsylvania
 East Liverpool (Avondale street) and West End.....
J. C. Rose, East Liverpool, Ohio
 Chester and Lawrenceville.....Mrs. Edna Rose, supply, East Liverpool, “
 East Liverpool (Oakland), Midland and Dixonville.....
 H. L. Dibble, Mrs. Mary Dibble, supply, Station “A,” East Liverpool, “
 Wellsville, Ekeyville and Toronto.....To be supplied
 Wellsburg, Steubenville and George's Run.....
C. F. Johnston, Wellsburg, West Virginia
 Bridgeport, Martin's Ferry and Neff.....F. W. Boettner, Martin's Ferry, Ohio
 ShieldsTo be supplied

C. I. Schroder (Greensburg, Pennsylvania, R. F. D. No. 4), and A. F. Faust (Stahlstown, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania), left without appointments according to paragraph 96 of the Discipline; M. F. Shafer, discontinued, mem-

bership at Martin's Ferry, Ohio; W. I. Smith, given certificate of standing with a view to transfer.

BUTLER DISTRICT—D. W. ROSE, District Elder, Birdville, Pennsylvania

Butler and North Butler...J. F. Silver, 416 Center avenue, Butler, Pennsylvania
 Callery, Evans City and Mars.....S. W. Ayers, Callery, "
 ZellenopleTo be supplied
 Vandergrift HeightsJ. P. Foy, Vandergrift Heights, Pennsylvania
 Leechburg and Bagdad.....T. D. McCleary, supply, Leechburg, "
 Kittanning and Ford City....."
H. A. Baldwin, 1513 Johnston avenue, Kittanning, "
 BirdvilleMrs. Lucia Rose, supply, Birdville, "
 Tarentum.....J. H. Whiteman, Tarentum, "
 Hites, Harwick and Russellton....."
J. H. Spears, Hites, Allegheny county, "
 Oliver Gornall, left without appointment to attend college, Saegerstown, Pennsylvania.

GREENSBURG DISTRICT—W. W. SPIKER, District Elder, Indiana, Pennsylvania

Indiana and Marion Center.....
E. H. Kennedy, 421 Church street, Indiana, Pennsylvania
 Black Lick, Homer City and Armagh.....
J. O. Archer, supply, Black Lick, "
 Blairsville and Bolivar
R. B. Campbell, 347 Morewood avenue, Blairsville, "
 AvonmoreL. C. Andre, Avonmore, "
 ApolloN. L. Smith, Apollo, "
 Jeanette and Greensburg.....Laura Lamb, Jeanette, "
 Orona and Diamond.....Harry McNutt, supply, Orona, "
 Mt. Pleasant and Ruffsedale.....
A. Lenkerd, 16 Silver street, Mt. Pleasant, "
 Bridgeport ...O. O. King, supply, Stauffer, Westmoreland county, "
 A. D. Zahniser, general conference evangelist, 20 Kenova street (Mt. Washington), Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; G. L. Coughron, located at his own request; B. Hosbach, supernumerary.

UNIONTOWN DISTRICT—C. H. MILLER, District Elder, Uniontown, R. D. 2, Pennsylvania

Uniontown and Connellsville...Alma Miller, supply, Uniontown, Pennsylvania
 West Brownsville and Roscoe.....T. H. Hawkins, Addie Hawkins, supply
 Glendale, Whitehouse and Cheat Haven.....
Charles Callen, supply, Smithfield, Fayette county, Pennsylvania
 Fairchance and Oliphant.....Oliver Atkinson, Fairchance, "
 Belle Vernon and Charleroi.....R. N. Large, Belle Vernon, "
 Sunny Side, Monongahela City and Courtney.....Eva Young, supply
 Cove Run and Cool Spring...L. N. Campbell, Percy, Fayette county, Pennsylvania
 C. H. Miller, member of the Uniontown district quarterly conference.

WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT—C. H. MILLER, District Elder

Morgantown, Dellslow and Sarver.....E. B. Welsh, supply
 Fairmont, Goose Creek and Sarietta.....
Boyers Boyce, supply, Fairmont, R. F. D. No. 6, West Virginia
 Mt. Sharon, Samaria and Catawba.....S. L. Fish, supply
 McConkeyO. Satterfield, supply
 Enterprise, Gypsy, Ocean Mines and Hendricks.....Brooks Morgan

ATLANTA (GEORGIA) DISTRICT—E. E. SHELHAMER, District Elder, Lakeland, Florida

Atlanta	E. L. Garrow, 273 Hill street, Atlanta, Georgia	
Rockmart	O. J. Withrow, Rockmart,	"
Temple	W. B. Harris, Gainesville,	"
Athens	J. B. Cunningham, Vine street, Athens,	"
Gainesville.....	Eula Harris, supply, Gainesville,	"
Holly Wood and River Side.....	Jennie Arnold, supply, Atlanta,	"
Macon.....	P. B. Hampton, supply, Macon,	"
Birmingham, Alabama.....	E. N. Pitts, supply, Birmingham, Alabama	
Shawmut, Alabama	W. H. Crouch, supply, Shawmut.	"
Lakeland, Florida	Julia A. Shelhamer, supply, Lakeland, Florida	
St. Petersburg, Florida.....	W. P. Juhlin, St. Petersburg,	"
Kissimmee and St. Cloud, Florida.....	J. F. Beeson, Mary A. Beeson, supplies	

LOCAL ELDER

Lambert, G. B., 607 Fairview avenue, Butler, Pennsylvania.

LOCAL DEACONS

Bailey, T. H., Arnold street, West End, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	King, J. C., R. D. 2, Uniontown, Penn- sylvania
Harford, E. E., R. F. D. 2, Uniontown, Pennsylvania	McCleary, T. D., Leechburg, Pennsyl- vania
Hawkins, T. H., West Brownsville, Pennsylvania	Rambo, W. A., Bridgeport.....Ohio
	Retzer, Fred, West Bridgewater, Bea- ver county, Pennsylvania

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Armstrong, Mrs. Ella S., 14 Kathleen street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	Rose, Mrs. Lucia, Birdville, Pennsylv- vania
Baldwin, Mrs. Etta, 1513 Johnston ave- nue, Kittanning, Pennsylvania	Shelhamer, Mrs. Julia A., Lakeland, Florida
Beeson, Mrs. Mary, Atlanta, Georgia	Shirer, Mrs. Ida M., 490 Connecticut avenue, Rochester, Pennsylvania
Hawkins, Mrs. Addie, Smithfield, R. F. D. 6, Pennsylvania	Smith, Mrs. Bertha B., Apollo, Penn- sylvania
Lamb, Miss Laura, Jeanette, Pennsylv- vania	Spiker, Mrs. Cora, Indiana, Pennsylv- vania
Lenkerd, Mrs. Edith M., 16 Silver street, Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania	Stamp, Mrs. Blanche E., 1132 Wash- ington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois
Miller, Mrs. Alma, R. D. 2, Uniontown, Pennsylvania	Young, Miss Eva, 24 Sycamore street. (Mt. Washington), Pittsburgh, Penn- sylvania
Morgan, Mrs. Mary A., Brushton ave- nue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	Young, Mrs. Talulah, 20 Milledge ave- nue, Atlanta, Georgia
Rose, Mrs. Edna, East Liverpool, Ohio	

LOCAL PREACHERS

Abbott, H. L., South Sixth street, Duquesne, Pennsylvania	Briggs, Harry, 640 Glenn street, At- lanta, Georgia
Baker, D. J., 28 Kathleen street, (Mt. Washington), Pittsburgh, Pennsyl- vania	Brown, E. O., Enterprise, West Virginia
Baker, F. M., Fallston, Pennsylvania	Burleigh, Robert, New Stanton, Penn- sylvania
Blews, C. E., 100 Ruth street, Pitts- burgh, Pennsylvania	Callen, Charles, New Kensington, Pennsylvania
	Catenese, Anthony, Cincinnati, Ohio

LOCAL PREACHERS—Continued

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| Collier, U. P..... Lakeland, Florida | Main, J. R., New Brighton, Pennsylvania |
| Delbridge, George, Munhall, Pennsylvania | Main, T. R., New Brighton, Pennsylvania |
| Dick, W. F., 648 Glenn street, Atlanta, Georgia | McConnell, J. G., 1907 Birdella street, West End, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania |
| Dodson, E. L.....Gainesville, Georgia | McGraw, W. H., East Liverpool, Ohio |
| Fish, Samuel L., Enterprise, West Virginia | Moore, J. M., Ohioville, Pennsylvania |
| Fansler, S. A., Hendricks, West Virginia | Nail, T. A., 622 Center avenue, Butler, Pennsylvania |
| Flocker, Miller, Vanport, Pennsylvania | Page, Lloyd, North Chili, New York |
| Funk, Grant, East Liverpool, Ohio | Palm, William, Butler, Pennsylvania |
| Gearhart, C. H., Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania | Ross, J. H., 729 Center avenue, Butler, Pennsylvania |
| Grafton, W. F., Chester, West Virginia | Simpson, J. W., Woodlawn, Pennsylvania |
| Grover, Jedediah, Marion Center, Pennsylvania | Singleton, T. C., Cheswick, Pennsylvania |
| Helsey, Elmer W., Homestead, Pennsylvania | Smith, S. K., New Brighton, Pennsylvania |
| Hill, Alexander, Jeanette, Pennsylvania | Snyder, H. G., 100 Lyon avenue, Butler, Pennsylvania |
| Hindman, Ira E., Butler, Pennsylvania | Trammell, J. L., 255 Hill street, Atlanta, Georgia |
| Hurd, Walter, McKeesport, Pennsylvania | Tyler, W. H. ....Bolingbroke, Georgia |
| Isenburg, David, 321 Stoner avenue, McKeesport, Pennsylvania | Walker, Oliver, Roscoe, Pennsylvania |
| Kelley, Byrd..... Temple, Georgia | Wakefield, Isaac, Charleroi, Pennsylvania |
| Mack, W. S., 7756 Baxter street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania | Withrow, James, 273 Hill street, Atlanta, Georgia |
| Main, A. F., 97 Parade street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania | |

EVANGELISTS

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| Brevard, Mrs. Laura, 255 Hill street, Atlanta, Georgia | Kelley, Miss Agatha M., Carnegie, Pennsylvania |
| Callen, Mrs. Mary, Smithfield, Fayette county, Pennsylvania | Mason, Mrs. Margaret, Vandergrift Heights, Pennsylvania |
| Cunningham, Mrs. Alfreda, Vine street, Athens, Georgia | Moreland, Mrs. E. C., 128 West Third street, East Liverpool, Ohio |
| Dibble, Mrs. Mary O., East Liverpool, Ohio, Sta. A. | Smith, Mrs. Alla, Arona, Pennsylvania |
| Duffy, Miss Fannie, Wellsburg, West Virginia | Smith, Mrs. Lillie, Farmington, Illinois |
| Fansler, Cora, Hendricks, West Virginia | Swearinge, Miss Edna, Hookstown, Pennsylvania |
| Fish, Mrs. Elizabeth, Enterprise, West Virginia | VanGilder, Mrs. Bessie, R. F. D. 1, Catawba, West Virginia |
| Gornall, Mrs. Phoebe, Saegerstown, Pennsylvania | VanGilder, Olive (same address). |
| Harris, Mrs. Eula, Gainesville, Georgia | Wayne, Mrs. Frances M., 527 Third avenue, New Brighton, Pennsylvania |

MISCELLANEOUS

The thirtieth annual session of the Pittsburgh conference, completing three decades of our history, was held in the Free Methodist church, Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania, October 2-6, 1912. There were seven sittings: one on Wednesday, one on Thursday, two on Friday, and three on Saturday. Bishop Pearce

presided with grace and wisdom; judicious in his counsel, able in administration, strong in preaching the Word, his presence was highly appreciated.

Rev. L. D. Perkins, of the Genesee conference; Rev. C. W. Bacon, of the Genesee conference; and Rev. Jules Ryff, of the South African conference, were introduced to the conference and invited to honorary seats. Rev. William Adams, of the Belle Vernon Baptist church; Rev. Terrin Baker, of the Belle Vernon Presbyterian church; Rev. J. M. Jamieson, of the Monessen United Presbyterian church; Rev. B. F. Bungard, of the Monessen United Brethren church; Rev. E. D. Bevier, of the Fayette City United Presbyterian church; and Rev. W. B. Stoddard, of the National Christian Association, were introduced to the conference.

Various churches in Belle Vernon were supplied on the Sabbath day by members of the conference, and many were the expressions of appreciation. Street meetings were held regularly, and hundreds of people listened attentively to songs of victory and testimonies of triumphant sound. The preaching and religious services in the new church in which the conference was held were well attended, and productive of great good. The church edifice was dedicated Sabbath afternoon by Rev. A. D. Zahniser, nineteen hundred dollars being secured in cash and subscriptions, to liquidate the indebtedness. During the conference a goodly number of souls were saved and sanctified. An excellent spirit prevailed during the business sittings. The appointments were well received.

The pastor and his devoted wife deserve praise for the entertainment secured, and for the careful attention given to every detail relating to their part of the work in making the conference a very successful gathering. The people were hospitable. May God bless them and recompense them, is our prayer.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON MEMOIRS

JAMES NEWTON MCKIM was born at Hites, near Tarentum, Pennsylvania, October 25, 1877. Later he moved with his parents to Vandergrift. He was gloriously converted under the labors of Rev. E. S. Zahniser in a revival meeting at Apollo in the winter of 1899. Immediately he became a happy and consistent Christian, and united with the Free Methodist church.

Several months after his conversion he talked with his pastor concerning the experience of holiness. The possibility and privilege of being sanctified wholly was made plain to him. Joyously he clapped his hands together and exclaimed, "Bless God, I am going to have it!" He began at once to seek the experience of holiness, and was soon rejoicing in its possession.

Soon after his conversion, Brother McKim received a definite call to the ministry, and was not disobedient to the heavenly vision. He began at once to prepare for his life work. He attended school at Spring Arbor, Michigan. Soon after his return from school he was appointed by his district elder, J. Barnhart, as pastor of the Braddock circuit.

He traveled the following circuits: Braddock, two and one-half years; Kittanning, two years; Glenwood avenue (Pittsburgh) and Whitaker, one year; Frankstown avenue (Pittsburgh), three years; East Liverpool and Wellsville, Ohio, one year; Fairchance, Pennsylvania, one year and one month, from which place he was called from labor to reward.

Three prominent features of his life are seen in his (1) demonstrativeness, which all felt to be the outgushing of a Spirit-filled life; (2) the pleasure which he took in rendering a kindness to a friend, or in living for others; and (3) his ability to raise money for the promotion of the work of God.

On the Sabbath evening before his departure he announced what proved to be his last text: "For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved" (Gen. 32:30). He preached with remarkable unction, and made an earnest appeal to the lost to become reconciled with God. It was his dying message. He rejoiced in the singing of his favorite hymn:

"Face to face with Christ my Savior,
Face to face—what will it be?
When with rapture I behold Him,
Jesus Christ who died for me."

On Monday following his last message to the people of Fairchance, he was seized with an affliction which his physician pronounced quinsy. The disease developed into pneumonia, which resulted in his death on Saturday, November 4, 1911.

The conference has sustained a great loss in his departure. We extend our heart-felt sympathy to his bereaved companion, who for nine years gladly shared with him the trials and triumphs of an itinerant life.

II.—ON EDUCATION

Education is from a Latin word which means to draw out or lead forth. Webster defines it, "To lead out and train the mental powers; to inform and enlighten the understanding; to form and regulate the principles and character." Education in its perfection comprehends the development of the physical, mental and spiritual powers. Unless there is a symmetrical development, man's efficiency is impaired. Mental development without proper moral training makes mankind dangerous to society. The public school system is a blessing to our land, the creator of good citizenship, and the bulwark of our liberties, purchased dearly by our forefathers at Bunker Hill and Yorktown.

The public school opens the door of opportunity to hundreds of children, born in ignorance and poverty, who without the training received therein would be a menace to society. Therefore we would say to Rome in her encroachments—Rome, who is trying to throttle our government, unite church and state and supplant our public free schools with her parochial schools: "Hierarchy, keep your hands off!"

In the last two generations there has been a growing tendency in our higher institutions of learning to ignore the moral education of the students, laughing to scorn the precious doctrines that have been the means of the salvation of millions, ignoring practical and experimental piety. Skepticism is at a premium, and the "faith of our fathers" at a discount, thus rendering it unsafe for us to send our boys and girls to them.

Believing that our denominational schools seek the development of true character in their students, we most heartily recommend them, and urge all to aid them with their means, their patronage, their sympathy, and their prayers. We call attention to the nearest, the A. M. Chesbrough Seminary, North Chili, New York, with all our other schools.

III.—ON PUBLICATIONS

Strong and far-reaching is the influence of the printing press. Pages of printed matter will go and be read where the voice of the writer will never be heard. We hear the utterance of a speaker in only one place at a time, while in thousands of homes all over the world the ink from his pen is shaping the destiny of immortal souls.

With pain do we observe that the spirit of this present evil age is creating a demand for corrupt literature greatly in excess of that which calls for the good. The corrupt is therefore cheaper in price than the good. When men dislike sound doctrine in theology we shall do well to be ever on the alert to prevent the encroachment of subtle heresies under the guise of scriptural truth: for instance, in hundreds of homes we have found three attractively bound volumes of so-called "Studies in the Scriptures," which are in reality the destructive heresies of C. T. Russell, virtually blaspheming Jesus Christ, teaching that all the wicked dead will be resurrected with the righteous and enjoy a second probation, and promising annihilation to all who remain impenitent until the close of the last day. We advise our people to exercise caution in the

purchasing of books, refusing to accept any with which they are not familiar unless recommended by reliable persons.

We thank God for the privilege of being identified with a people who love the truth and turn not their ears unto fables. We rejoice that our publishing house scatters leaves of Bible truth to the very ends of the earth. We should see that every family in our connection receives weekly, our denominational paper, the *Free Methodist*, which sounds a warning note against iniquity of every kind, and bravely bears aloft the old Wesleyan standard of scriptural holiness. We note the general excellence of our Sabbath-school literature, and highly appreciate the weekly *Light and Life Evangel*. Recent books from our publishing house are valuable contributions which cannot fail to promote vital piety. These books, and those of earlier date, should be widely circulated.

We are gratified to learn that the financial end of our publishing interests enabled the recent general conference to authorize an annual appropriation as an auxiliary to the conference claimants' fund. Be it observed that in patronizing our publishing house we are accomplishing a twofold good: (1) we are receiving and scattering clean holiness literature, and (2) we are contributing toward the relief of holy men and women who have given their lives for the spread of truth which has brought to our souls a free and full salvation.

As a conference, we express our thanks for the favor of our friends in subscribing for *Providence Mission Tidings*, a little messenger which for six years has conveyed to hundreds of homes a concise account of the character and work of Providence Mission and Rescue Home in the city of Pittsburgh.

IV.—ON STATE OF THE WORK

We are of the opinion that the Free Methodism of the Pittsburgh conference is as near the original type as that of any part of our work. The aggressiveness that marked our early work is still in evidence among us, as will be noted by the steady increase in our membership. We do not believe the radicalism of the conference is rabid or excessive, but are pleased to note that Sunday street cars are patronized very little by our membership, and neither patronized nor countenanced by any in the ministry. We are not as plain a people as we should be, but good examples of plainness and neatness are generally set by preachers and their wives, and we still have stirring-sticks in our midst.

Pastoral visiting is too much neglected, and as a result some of our circuits suffer spiritually, and our ministers financially. Brethren, by simply doing our religious duty along this line we can pray ourselves into the hearts and pocketbooks of almost any community, and insure ourselves against want, and we can follow the great apostle, as he followed Christ, saying, "I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have showed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house."

During the winter protracted meetings have been held on almost every circuit with more or less success, and six or seven camp-meetings were held during the summer, which were unusually fruitful in results, for which we praise God.

Four new churches and two parsonages have been built or bought, besides the debts on a number of churches, previously erected, have been lifted, and several churches have been formally dedicated.

There has been a net increase of fourteen members and forty probationers; besides this a goodly number have been promoted from the church militant to the church triumphant. The above figures are not flattering, but when we consider the thoroughness of the work done, and that one soul is more valuable than all things material, we feel that our labor has not been in vain in the Lord.

While we are thankful for past progress and victories, we have reason to regret that we have accomplished so little in so large a field. If we were more prevalent in prayer, more pious in our living, more watchful of our words, more persistent in our pastoral visiting, and more ready to enter every door

of opportunity, we could gather a much more abundant harvest for the garner above. Brethren, let us live for the lost, remembering that He hath said, "He that winneth souls is wise."

The conference is composed of seven districts, two of which, the West Virginia and Georgia districts, should be looked upon as mission fields, and treated as such, not that the type of Free Methodism found there is in any way inferior to that of the rest of the conference, but their numbers are few, and the field is large, embracing several states. It would probably be hard to find a more fruitful field in which to glean if proper attention were given it. Notwithstanding our opportunity has been largely overlooked in the past, God has given some measure of success, and the percent of growth on these districts has compared favorably with that of other parts of the conference, but it has required deep consecration on the part of the poorly paid preachers on these fields.

Should not special appropriations be made for these districts from the conference mission fund, and application also be made for help from our general mission fund?

V.—ON REFORMS

As a Christian organization we stand opposed to every form of evil, and pledge our support to all reform movements intended for the uplift of humanity, and the advancement of Christ's kingdom in the earth.

We affirm our position against that gigantic evil, the liquor traffic; its twin brother, the tobacco trade; the foe to our public school system who is the mother of ignorance and vice; the iniquitous abomination of licensing the white slave corruption; and the rottenness of political intrigue, graft and perfidy that is practised in our land. We also maintain our position against all oath-bound secret societies, whether social, political, or commercial in nature. Whatever the object of gain, the baleful consequence of bowing the neck to the yoke of secrecy will be bondage and oppression. We must at all hazards keep ourselves free in this matter.

While these and many other considerations outside of our communion do not as yet imperil our welfare, there are some evils making their encroachments upon us that can not be lightly regarded. Of these we mention the following:

Worldly conformity in conversation, apparel and home adornment. Worldly communication is a sure indicator of heart conditions. "Where the treasure is, there will the heart be also." And, "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." Such conversation is not to the glory of God. We believe in neatness of attire, but it should be simple, not scant. The low neck dress, gauze waist, and hobble skirt fad is indecent. Nor can we countenance the silk waist, the tendency to a superfluity of buckles, bunches of ribbon, brooches, and the occasional wedding band seen on the finger of some of our communicants. The foppish appearance of some of the brethren, with the lone mustache and the "latest cut" with high colored ties, is also to be deplored. We would suggest that the brethren at least trim their beard when they come to the Lord's table. The increased tendency to home adornment with unnecessary bric-a-brac, tidies, curtains, table pieces, etc., all of which take the time of our sisters as well as the expenditure of money that should be used for other purposes, we disapprove. Let us be consistent, that God in all things may be glorified.

Sabbath desecration.—The disregard for Sabbath observance is alarming. Manufactories, railroads, and private enterprises are all combined to break the law of the Sabbath. Many professed Christians are among the number that reap the temporal profits of such lawlessness. To share in the patronage of Sabbath breaking enterprises is to be a partaker in other men's sins. We should constantly warn all against buying or selling on the Lord's day as a violation of our book of Discipline, and also the Word of God. Such as buying milk or eatables, tickets to religious assemblies, and transportation on the rail-

ways. We stand opposed to the Sunday street car, newspaper, mailing system, and all business requiring unnecessary labor on the Sabbath day.

Slackness in family government.—What the home is in principle, the nation will become. Looseness in civil government is not surprising when there is such a lack in home training. The Scripture says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." We regret that disregard of parental authority is evidenced in so many homes. "Home rule" would correct many public evils, as uncouth manners, irreverence in the house of God, and disrespect to superiors. We recommend the grace of God that applies the rod of correction. "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child, but the rod of correction will drive it far from him." He that spareth the rod spoileth the child.

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Neglect of prayer.—Neglecting this important means of grace is like attempting to run an engine detached from the tender, or to sustain an army with no provision train. The reason why many are weak and sickly among us is because they are disconnected from the vital source of power. The ministry of prayer is a commission to the church.

"Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,
The Christian's native air;
His watchword at the gates of death,
He enters heaven by prayer."

Not only is this true with the individual, but no great work has ever been accomplished by the church except through prayer. Prayer is the grappling power with God, the prevailing instrument that overcomes all difficulties in the progress and achievements of the church. We regret that secret prayer is neglected; in some homes the family altar is abolished, and others do not take up the cross in public worship. Let us urge upon all our people the importance of prayer, and see that none are guilty of this sinful neglect.

Spurious holiness.—In this age of religious sham there is a shoddy holiness which lacks the qualities of the genuine. A holiness bedecked with worldly array. A heady holiness that consists in high sounding terms, and doctrinal phrases, but lacks the self-denying principle and evidence of perfect love. Of this we are not so much in danger, but there is also a defective holiness, which consists for the most part in negative issues; it lacks in the positive, the power of the Holy Ghost. A mere legalism never has and never can perfect moral character. The Holy Ghost is the divine agent who performs the work of holiness in the heart, and His baptism is the indispensable evidence that the work is wrought. Where this divine fulness, realized in the Holy Ghost, is lacking, human religions multiply.

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Christian benevolence and hospitality.—Fulness of blessing is dispensatory blessing. To receive is to give. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." More and richer blessings follow the giver than he who withholds from God. "There is that withholdeth which tendeth to poverty." The spirit of true Christianity is the giving spirit. "Give, and it shall be given you, pressed down, shaken together, and running over," is the gospel measure. Is it not strange then that some should even dare to rob God? We must give to God's cause or that which we have will be taken from us. The various enterprises of the church, as the local work, the schools, home and foreign missions are all a crying need that we can not refuse to heed without detriment to our souls. Benevolence and hospitality go together. Where the latter is lacking it shows a narrow selfishness that evidences a dwarfish condition of soul. Where the heart is enlarged and filled with divine love, the hospitable spirit will be manifest. "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

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PITTSBURGH, ROCHESTER AND ALLEGHENY DISTRICTS

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Pittsburgh District																															
A. Wilson, District Elder																															
Pittsburgh (Mt. Washington)...	72	13	85	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Pittsburgh (East End)...	57	16	63	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Pittsburgh (Steuben Street)...	32	10	42	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Pittsburgh (Glenwood Avenue)...	35	10	45	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
McKeesport ..	47	7	54	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Braddock and East Pittsburgh...	30	7	37	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Carnegie and McDonald ..	23	1	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
New Kensington ..	14	1	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Frankfort and Burgettstown ..	17	1	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
E. R. Smith ..	16	1	17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
A. Wilson ..	16	1	17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Rochester District																															
J. B. Easton, District Elder																															
New Brighton and Beaver Falls...	110	18	128	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Rochester and Pleasant Valley ..	59	20	79	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
East Liverpool (Avaldale Street) ..	33	10	43	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
East Liverpool (Ohio Street) ..	33	10	43	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Hookstown and Georgetown ..	33	8	41	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Wellsville, Mingo Jct., etc.	48	5	53	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Chester and Wellsview ..	58	5	63	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Monaco and Woodlawn ..	11	2	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Bridgeport and Martin's Ferry ..	29	12	41	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ohioville and Ekeyville ..	22	4	26	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Allegheny District																															
D. W. Rose, District Elder																															
Butler and North Butler ..	102	20	122	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Vandergrift Heights ..	62	12	74	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Tarentum ..	87	8	95	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Kittanning and Ford City ..	58	11	69	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Leeburg and Bagdad ..	21	2	23	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Hites and Russellton ..	16	3	19	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Birdville ..	10	2	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Galery and Mars ..	12	3	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

PITTSBURGH, ROCHESTER AND ALLEGHENY DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Mission- ary Claim	Woman's For- eign Missionary Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Bryanclists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
Pittsburgh District															
Pittsburgh (Mt. Washington).....	\$ 3 25	\$..	\$ 445 81	\$..	\$ 3 42	\$ 88 35	\$ 3 25	\$ 814 82	\$ 200 00	\$ 147 45	\$ 19 54	1	\$ 10000	1	\$..
Pittsburgh (East End).....	3 15	..	129 27	..	1 30	65 62	1 15	659 32	192 00	119 44	31 83	1	7000	1	2000
Pittsburgh (Steuben Street).....	..	..	128 18	..	..	80 96	1 35	859 47	180 00	119 44	89 08	1	4500	1	2000
Pittsburgh (Glenwood Avenue).....	1 65	..	54 02	..	..	118 16	1 65	762 54	120 00	88 94	..	2	6500	1	1000
McKeesport.....	2 60	..	80 90	..	..	89 37	2 60	681 00	..	116 89	7 45	1	4000	1	4000
Braddock and East Pittsburgh.....	1 40	..	131 80	..	..	53 29	1 40	556 68	180 00	75 71	..	1	3000	1	2000
Carnegie and McDonald.....	1 25	1 38	40 00	..	..	39 83	1 25	273 70	..	62 58	21 30	1	1400	1	..
New Kensington.....	..	..	9 00	..	..	13 04	..	238 82	..	38 57	..	..	..	..	..
Frankfort and Burgettstown.....	80	70	..	..	..	..	80	294 62	..	32 13	..	2	3000	..	..
Smithton and Collinsburg.....	50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17 00	..	..	..	..	..
Rochester District															
New Brighton and Beaver Falls.....	5 65	..	783 33	5 65	8 80	178 73	5 65	803 75	180 00	170 34	27 50	1	3000	1	3000
Rochester and Pleasant Valley.....	2 70	2 16	195 71	..	..	92 00	2 70	807 00	125 00	88 83	35 80	1	3000	1	2000
East Liverpool (Avalonia Street).....	1 80	1 80	121 00	..	2 74	97 00	1 30	556 83	140 00	66 28	..	1	2500	1	2500
East Liverpool (Oakland).....	1 70	25 00	23 25	..	..	156 00	1 70	412 84	..	50 57	13 00	1	1000	1	..
Wellington (Mingo Jet) etc.....	2 55	..	154 88	1 00	90	142 00	2 55	673 00	..	107 16	..	1	2500	..	..
Chester and Wellsville.....	1 80	..	51 75	..	1 58	66 90	1 80	559 85	..	45 75	..	2	6800	..	..
Monaco and Woodlawn.....	1 65	12 00	12 00	..	..	30 00	1 65	415 98	..	36 26	37 42	1	1500	1	1500
Bridgeport and Martin's Ferry.....	1 75	75	37 63	..	..	87 35	1 75	577 88	..	62 85	4 80	1	1000	..	..
Ohioville and Ekeyville.....	1 90	..	..	..	..	40 40	1 90	269 05	..	50 00	3 00	1	1000	..	..
Allegheny District															
Butler and North Butler.....	5 30	62	305 00	4 50	4 50	163 03	5 30	845 35	144 00	163 74	58 19	1	11000	1	6000
Vandergrift Heights.....	2 55	62	212 33	3 84	3 97	165 66	2 30	751 00	120 00	146 06	80 00	1	5000	1	3000
Tarentum.....	3 20	..	276 71	20 00	..	127 81	2 55	974 35	..	110 43	15 87	1	10000	..	..
Kittanning and Ford City.....	1 05	..	39 27	..	..	100 55	3 20	524 00	120 00	83 76	17 00	1	2000	1	1500
Leechburg and Bagdad.....	23	..	51 60	5 00	..	45 00	1 05	509 37	..	51 00	24 98	1	2700	1	1800
Hites and Russellton.....	23	..	16 81	5 50	..	25 11	..	407 67	85 00	30 00	1 00	1	2500	1	2500
Birdville.....	22	30	6 80	..	1 26	32 67	20	150 00	..	30 00	1 00	1	2700	1	1800
Calvary and Mars.....	..	..	3 23	..	..	18 93	..	118 47	..	30 00	..	..	..	..	..

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

UNIONTOWN, GREENSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA AND ATLANTA, GEORGIA, DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Mis- sion- ary Claim	Woman's For- eign Mission- ary Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
Uniontown District															
Uniontown and West Brownsville	1 25		89 40		1 12	103 79	1 25	638 45		93 16	10 75	1	1500		
Belle Vernon and Charlevoix	1 40		40 00			63 81	1 40	650 00		64 85	15 20	1	4500		
Fairbairn and Oliphant	1 90		143 19		3 00	80 01	2 90	640 00	85 00	137 46	5 00	2	3200		1500
McLean and Esplanade	1 25		25 00			14 26	1 25	346 00	100 00	43 13	4 50	1	1000		1500
Bridgeport and Buffalo						52 00	2 30	417 55		46 80		1	1000		
Sunny-side, Monongahela, etc.	1 05		12 75			52 00	1 05	200 71		51 70					
Glendale and Wynn's Gap	1 45					18 27	1 45	121 37		17 00					
Whitehouse and Cheat Haven	50					12 00	50	86 60		21 71		1	900		
Greensburg District															
Jeanette and Greensburg	1 05		60 05			90 12	1 05	242 15		85 70	25 25	1	3500		
Irona and Diamond	1 40		6 10			16 00	1 40	402 61	150 00	57 25	6 08	2	3500		2500
Evangeline and Bolivar	1 30		54 42			30 00	1 30	270 00		45 40		1	1500		2500
Avonmore	1 50		28 42			50 00	2 50	561 88	72 00	82 37		1	3000		2500
Apollo	1 25		29 10			17 80	1 25	337 74		61 67		2	3000		2000
Blacklick, Homer City, etc.	1 00		32 22		40	20 33	1 00	334 50				1	2500		
Indiana and Marion Center															
West Virginia District															
Morgantown, Delislow and Sarver	1 17	1 92				7 00	65	50 00		11 78		2	2000		
Laumont, Enterprise and Gypsy	1 80		62 13	1 00	1 00	35 00	80	217 30		53 90					
Conasa Creek and Shaw	1 30		28 40			8 35	1 50	221 00		15 57	4 15	1	500		
Somerset, McConkey and Sharon	1 33		10 04	1 60	70	13 90	35	117 33	11 00	55 13	2 50	3	2000		
Catawba	25					5 00	25			19 56	8 10	1	1200		
Henricks											11 02	1	800		1000
Atlanta (Georgia) District															
Atlanta	3 80		81 02			64 96	3 80	484 41		72 70	40 00	1	6000		
Rockmart and Temple	80					15 00	80	55 80		25 00	10 00	1	1000		1200
Gainesville	50					6 00	50	60 00			3 00	1	500		
Adams															
Atlanta (Florida)															
Atlanta (Georgia)															
St. Petersburg															
Total	\$ 79 84	\$ 37 64	\$ 4023 17	\$ 44 09	\$ 35 03	\$3039 96	\$82 20	\$22348 24	\$2394 00	\$3473 18	\$ 515 33	60	\$148500	24	\$ 45800

Note: Raised at camp-meeting, \$75, Elder's Receipts.

MINNESOTA AND NORTHERN IOWA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Forty-first Annual Session, held at
Riceville, Iowa, September 12-15, 1912

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President*

H. L. TENNEY, *Secretary*

BURTON Y. NEAL, *Treasurer*

W. H. WINTERS, Auditor

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—Walter A. Sellow, B. Y. Neal, J. H. Noble.

On State of the Work—B. Y. Neal.

On Reforms—A. G. Morgan, H. M. Mills, Belle Marriott.

On Publications—S. Ada Hall, Henry Wells, Ralph Smith.

On Sunday-schools—H. L. Tenney, J. H. Noble, W. G. Leeman.

On Education—Ida Helgan, S. Ada Hall, J. D. Armstrong.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—W. H. Winters, W. G. Leeman.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—John Sutton.

On Complimentary Resolutions—Mayme McCaslin, H. M. Miller.

On Charities—Belle Marriott, W. G. Anderson.

On Climates and Claimants—Walter A. Sellew, B. Y. Neal, J. D. Armstrong, Joseph Noble, H. L. Tenney.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Reforms—C. W. Sutton.

On Publications—S. Ada Hall.

On State of the Work—R. B. Ralls.

On Sunday-schools—Mayme McCaslin.

On Education—W. H. Winters.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

R. B. Ralls, for three years; B. Y. Neal, two years; H. L. Tenney, one year.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

B. Y. Neal, J. D. Armstrong, H. L. Tenney.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

B. Y. Neal, H. L. Tenney, J. D. Armstrong, Walter Wheeler, C. W. Sutton,
W. E. Capener.

CUSTODIANS OF FARM AND FARM PROCEEDS AND DISBURSEMENTS

R. B. Ralls, for three years; B. Y. Neal, for two years; W. G. Leeman, for one year.

COMMITTEE TO DISBURSE PROCEEDS OF CHURCH PROPERTY SALES

B. Y. Neal, W. G. Leeman, J. D. Armstrong, J. H. Noble, C. W. Sutton.

BOARD OF CONFERENCE MISSIONS

A. G. Morgan, W. G. Leeman.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Home Missions; second quarter, General Missions, Permanent Fund; third quarter, Church Extension, Bishops' Salaries; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund, General Conference Entertainment Fund.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Martha L. Tenney, Plymouth, Iowa; first vice-president, Mrs. Clara Anderson, Ruthven, Iowa; second vice-president, Miss Louise Morgan, Glenville, Minnesota; recording and corresponding secretary, Mrs. Nettie Leeman, Winnebago, Minnesota; treasurer, S. Ada Hall, St. Paul, Minnesota; Junior superintendent, Mrs. Belle Marriott.

ADDRESSES

B. Y. Neal, treasurer, 3401a Morgan street, St. Louis, Missouri.
 Mrs. Kathryn Ralls, conference Sunday-school secretary, Glenville, Minnesota.
 W. H. Winters, Auditor, Mason City, Iowa.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

William Baldwin,
 H. L. Tenney,
 F. L. Burns,
 R. B. Ralls,

C. W. Sutton,
 B. Y. Neal,
 S. H. Upton,
 W. H. Winters.

C. W. Howe,
 John Sutton,
 Homer Tanner.

DELEGATES

R. E. Smith,
 Belle Marriott,
 J. D. Armstrong,

A. G. Morgan,
 H. M. Miller,
 Henry Wells,

Joseph Noble,
 W. G. Leeman.

2. Who are the stationing committee? Walter A. Sellw, B. Y. Neal, J. D. Armstrong.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? H. Robert Eveland on his certificate from the Iowa conference.

4. Who remain on trial? S. Ada Hall, Mayme McCaslin.

5. None.

6. Who are the deacons? John Sutton, S. H. Upton, Homer Tanner, W. G. Anderson (local).

7, 8. None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? H. L. Tenney.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? William Baldwin, C. W. Howe.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? Robert B. Ralls, an ordained elder from the Iowa conference, and W. H. Winters, an ordained elder from the Wisconsin conference.

12. None.

13. Who have been given certificates of standing with a view to transfer to another conference? F. L. Burns and S. H. Upton, to the Oregon conference, and Homer Tanner, to the Central Illinois conference.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed?

16-20. See statistical report.

21. See report of Committee on Claims and Claimants.

22, 23. None.

24. See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? The time was fixed as near the first Thursday in September as will suit the plans of the bishop presiding; the place is left to a committee consisting of R. B. Ralls, W. H. Winters, J. H. Noble.

APPOINTMENTS

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT—R. B. RALLS, District Elder, Glenville, Minnesota
 Plymouth and Lime Creek.....To be supplied
 Mason City and Hayfield.....W. H. Winters, Mason City, Iowa
 Riceville and Round Grove.....H. Robert Eveland, Riceville, "
 GlenvilleKathryn Butler Ralls, supply, Glenville, Minnesota
 MapletonTo be supplied
 WinnebagoTo be supplied

William Baldwin, Glenville, Minnesota, C. W. Howe, Corinth, New York, superannuated; H. L. Tenney, Plymouth, Iowa, supernumerary; Homer Tanner, Ipava, Illinois, F. L. Burns, St. Helens, Oregon, granted certificates of standing with view to transfer.

ESTHERVILLE DISTRICT—R. B. RALLS, District Elder

Estherville and Spencer.....Mayme McCaslin
 ArmstrongC. W. Sutton, Armstrong, Iowa
 Ruthven and Capener.....W. G. Anderson, supply, Ruthven, "
 AlgonaTo be supplied
 FairmontTo be supplied
 Maple Grove and Prairie View.....John Sutton, Estherville, Iowa

ST. PAUL DISTRICT—R. B. RALLS, District Elder

St. PaulS. Ada Hall, 1501 Sherburne avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota
 MinneapolisTo be supplied
 RandolphTo be supplied

Burton Y. Neal, 3401a Morgan street, St. Louis, Missouri, evangelist; S. H. Upton, Forest Grove, Oregon, granted certificate of standing with view to transfer.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Martha L. Tenney,

Mrs. Kathryn Butler Ralls.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Clara Anderson..

LOCAL DEACONS AND ELDERS

J. H. Potts..... Lime Springs, Iowa J. L. Kent.....Riceville, Iowa
 W. H. Hiatt, Fairmont, Minnesota

MISCELLANEOUS

Bishop Walter A. Sellew presided over the forty-first session of our conference. His sermons, addresses and missionary discourse were excellent and enjoyed by all. Rev. J. W. Whiteside represented the publishing house and Wessington Springs Seminary. About \$153 was raised for this institution. Over \$400 in cash and subscriptions was raised for the missionary cause. The assessment for home missions is twenty-five cents.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON CLAIMS AND CLAIMANTS

William Baldwin, \$90; C. W. Howe, \$50; Frances E. Damon, \$150; Mrs. H. W. Miller, \$20; Hester A. Wilson, \$75; Mary C. Wolcott, \$70.

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Plymouth District	B. Y. Neal, District Elder																
	Plymouth and Lime Creek.....	33	1	34	..	1	1	11	64	10	\$ 17 10	\$ 6 84	\$ 9 50	\$ 5 70	\$ 3 80	\$ 76	
	Mason City	36	22	58	1	..	1	14	236	16	17 10	6 84	9 50	5 70	3 80	76	
	Riceville and Round Grove.....	34	3	37	3	1	2	13	54	10	16 20	6 48	9 00	5 40	3 60	72	
	Glenville	24	2	26	1	6	45	7	8 10	3 24	4 50	2 70	1 80	36	
	Hayfield	3	..	3	1 25	
	Mapleton	7	..	7	3	2 50	..	2 00	1 00	80	16	
	Ruthven and Capener.....	42	3	45	..	2	14	80	8	19 20	7 92	11 00	6 60	4 40	88		
	Winnebago	22	5	27	1	1	1	4	..	8	9 45	3 78	5 25	3 15	2 10	42	
	Algona	3	..	3	2	1 80	72	1 00	
Fairmont	Supplied	9	..	9	4 50	1 80	2 50	1 50	1 00	20	
	Bonair	8	..	8	3 60	1 25	1 25	1 20	
	Estherville and Armstrong.....	18	..	18	..	2	5	25	7	9 00	3 00	5 00	3 00	2 00	40		
	Maple Grove and Prairie View..	6	..	6	2	4 60	1 40	2 00	2 10	1 40	
	Spencer	17	..	17	
	St. Paul District																
St. Paul	B. Y. Neal, District Elder																
	S. Ada Hall.....	21	4	25	..	1	1	7	60	7	9 00	3 60	5 00	3 00	2 00	40	
	Minneapolis	23	4	27	..	1	6	10 80	3 75	2 00	
	Randolph	5	..	5	1	1 00	1 40	2 00	..	50	..	
Total	311	44	355	5	5	11	74	564	87	\$ 142 20	\$ 56 88	\$ 79 00	\$ 47 40	\$ 31 80	\$ 6 32		

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MINNESOTA AND NORTHERN IOWA CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHURCH	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Mis- sion- ary Claim	Woman's For- eign Missionary Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
Plymouth District															
Plymouth and Lime Creek.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 100 57	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 19 86	\$ 1 90	\$ 500 00	\$ 96 00	\$ 120 00	\$ 10 00	2	\$ 2500	1	\$ 1800
Mason City			84 31		2 60	138 41	1 90	632 12	220 00	100 00	38 10	1	2000	1	1800
Riceville and Round Grove.....		5 00	118 37	85	2 00	35 23	1 80	487 00	93 00	76 00	38 17	1	1200	1	1600
Glenville			13 55			53 37	90	324 31		62 00	60 62	1	1500		
Hayfield															
Mapleton			5 00				40			20 00					
Ruthven and Capener.....			13 00			58 99	2 20	509 00	120 00	76 65		1	1000	1	1200
Winnebago			47 64			9 48	65	385 70	75 00	56 00	90 00	1	1000	1	800
Algona												1	1000	1	750
Fairmont										10 00	40 00				
Bonair															
Estherville and Armstrong.....	1 00			1 00		18 00	1 00	224 00	80 00	25 00		2	2500	1	1000
Maple Grove and Prairie View..												1	400	1	400
Spencer															
St. Paul District															
St. Paul			29 60		1 81	36 56	1 00	365 29		50 55		1	2000		
Minneapolis							65	220 00		32 26		1			
Randolph			11 50												
Total	\$.....	\$ 6 00	\$ 423 54	\$ 1 85	\$ 6 41	\$ 387 90	\$ 1 53	\$ 3647 42	\$ 684 00	\$ 628 43	\$ 276 89	12	\$ 15100	8	\$ 6350

GENESEE CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Fifty-third Annual Session, held at
Rochester, New York, September 4-7, 1912

OFFICERS

WILLIAM PEARCE, *President*

JAMES H. WHEELER, *Secretary* LELAND K. MANNING, *Ass't Secretary*

JOHN G. TUXFORD, *Statistical Secretary* RICHARD CARNE, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

- On Nominations*—A. H. Bennett, J. O'Regan, E. A. Taylor.
On Public Worship—William Pearce, J. H. Harmon, F. M. Campbell, Charles Worbois.
On Missions—The stationing committee, J. H. Wheeler, chairman.
On Reforms—R. H. Warren, G. D. Mark, Charles English, G. E. Ferrin, H. M. Snell.
On Church Literature—F. M. Campbell, J. Kelly, Simon Witmer, Lizzie M. Perkins.
To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—S. L. Butcher, Charles Worbois.
To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.
On Sunday-schools—E. C. Reber, H. J. Wood, John C. Clement, Phina Armstrong, Ella Phelps.
On Education—Carl L. Howland, C. M. Stirdivant, M. G. Cottrill, Sarah Champ-
lin, Rebecca Best.
On Memoirs—J. F. Franklin, E. A. Taylor.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—L. F. Clark, E. C. Best, O. C. Blowers.
On Aggressive Evangelism—T. S. Simpson, L. A. Sager, J. O'Regan, F. A. Perkins, R. H. Warren.
On Charities—L. D. Perkins, Elbert Harrison.
On Conference Claimants and Claims—J. H. Harmon, J. H. Wheeler, G. B. Altoft, Levi Luce.
Auditors—E. A. Taylor, E. C. Reber.
On Complimentary Resolutions—E. C. Reber, F. A. Perkins.
On Ministerial Relations—C. W. Bacon, C. D. Brooks, A. H. Bennett, G. E. Green, Charles Leonard.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

- On Church Literature*—C. L. Howland, *On Aggressive Evangelism*—F. M. Campbell,
On Reforms—G. S. Chamberlain, Campbell,
On Memoirs—William Manning, *On Sunday-schools*—J. H. Wheeler.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. H. Wheeler, president, for three years; L. K. Manning, secretary, for one year; R. H. Warren, librarian, for two years.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

C. W. Bacon, president; E. A. Taylor, secretary; L. D. Perkins, treasurer; J. H. Harmon, M. C. Burritt.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A. K. Bacon, president and treasurer; A. H. Bennett, secretary; M. C. Burritt; E. C. Reber; G. B. Altoft.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Permanent Fund, General Conference Entertainment Fund; second quarter, General Missions, Church Extension; third quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; fourth quarter, Foreign and Home Missions, General Conference Delegates' Expenses.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. M. M. Robinson, president, North Chili, New York; Mrs. Lizzie M. Perkins, first vice-president, Gerry, New York; Miss A. P. Carpenter, second vice-president, North Chili, New York; Mrs. Eva J. Milliken, recording secretary, North Chili, New York; Mrs. Jennie A. Howland, corresponding secretary, North Chili, New York; Mrs. Elsie C. Allen, treasurer, Newfane, New York; Miss Bertha S. Taylor, superintendent of Junior work, 35 Park avenue, Lockport, New York.

OFFICERS OF THE FREE METHODIST MINISTERS' MUTUAL AID SOCIETY

John O'Regan, president, 73 Tenth street, Buffalo, New York; Leland K. Manning, secretary, 91 Adams street, Tonawanda, New York.

CONFERENCE TREASURER

Richard Carne, 620 Spring street, Jamestown, New York.

CONFERENCE SUNDAY-SCHOOL SECRETARY

John G. Tuxford, 11 Grant street, Jamestown, New York.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

C. D. Brooks,
W. T. Hogue,
L. D. Perkins,
E. A. Taylor,
O. C. Blowers,
B. H. Roberts,
J. H. Wheeler,
C. W. Thurber,
L. K. Manning,
T. S. Simpson,
William Pearce,
J. J. Kelley,
F. M. Campbell,
H. J. Wood,
William Newkirk,
C. L. Howland,
E. P. Whitton,
S. L. Butcher,
B. N. Miner,

William Manning,
A. H. Bennett,
John O'Regan,
C. W. Bacon,
L. Barmore,
J. F. Franklin,
N. B. Martin,
D. W. Steele,
G. B. Tingue,
F. A. Perkins,
C. H. Reed,
R. Carne,
R. H. Warren,
L. A. Sager,
R. A. Robertson,
G. W. Garlock,
C. L. Silvernail,
Milton A. Parker,
William Freeman.

A. A. Burgess,
J. H. Harmon,
G. D. Mark,
G. M. Allen,
E. C. Best,
B. Winget,
G. S. Chamberlain,
H. L. Miner,
L. F. Clark,
E. C. Reber,
M. E. Ellis,
B. F. Hitchcock,
C. E. Pike,
L. J. Leonard,
H. A. Blowers,
C. M. Stirdivant,
Levi Ecker,
F. B. Shriner,

DELEGATES

George E. Ferrin,
Frank Kowen,
Robert Wolston,
John A. Craine,
J. C. Clement,
George E. Green,

Charles Worbois,
William Rushbrook,
W. W. Warner,
H. M. Snell,
James W. Colwell,
Mary Maxwell,

Seth Holden,
B. L. Perkins,
J. Floyd Bassett,
C. W. Fetterman,
Simon Witmer,
Annetta Clark,

DELEGATES—Continued

M. G. Cottrill,
Phine Armstrong,
Esther Olds,
Willis Cooley,
Levi Luce,
Rebecca Best,

Elbert Harrison,
Viola Evans,
Charles Leonard,
Sarah Champlin,
Lizzie M. Perkins,
Lillian Miner.

G. B. Altoft,
Charles English,
John G. Tuxford,
Ella Phelps,
W. W. W. Manning,

2. Who are the stationing committee? William Pearce, J. H. Harmon, J. H. Wheeler, N. B. Martin, R. Carne, B. L. Perkins, J. A. Craine, G. B. Altoft, Levi Luce.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.

4. Who remain on trial? L. A. Southworth, Andrew Bates, Victoria G. Reed.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? B. N. Miner, W. E. Freeman.

6. Who are the deacons? G. B. Tingle, B. F. Hitchcock, C. E. Pike, L. A. Sager, William Newkirk, M. E. Ellis, C. L. Silvernail, Levi Ecker, S. L. Butcher, F. B. Shriner.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? C. L. Howland.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? C. D. Brooks, B. H. Roberts, William Newkirk, F. A. Perkins.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? A. A. Burgess, William Manning, L. D. Perkins.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? Milton A. Parker, from the Pittsburgh conference; F. B. Shriner, from the Oil City conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? H. A. Blowers, J. J. Kelly.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? G. W. Garlock.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At Gerry, New York, as near the first Wednesday of September as will suit the convenience of the bishop.

MISCELLANEOUS

Revs. H. W. Fish, O. M. Owen, C. M. Hartson, O. O. Burley, M. S. Babcock, of the Susquehanna conference; Dr. and Mrs. Backenstoe, of the South Africa Missionary conference; B. F. Shriner, of the Oil City conference; W. A. Long, of the Pittsburgh conference; J. H. Kent, of the West Ontario conference; Henry Lenz, of the Illinois conference, representing the publishing house; H. A. Millican, principal of the A. M. Chesbrough Seminary; J. H. Durkee, of the Free Baptist church of this city; J. W. Welsh, chaplain of the Erie County Penitentiary; W. F. Hassel, of the local Holiness Mission, were introduced to the conference and invited to honorary seats.

The resident pastor, F. M. Campbell, the society, and citizens of Rochester, together with the trustees of the Asbury Methodist church, provided a bountiful and most pleasant entertainment for the conference.

The religious services were all good and marked by much of the Spirit's presence. The love-feast Sabbath morning was excellent, after which a wonderful sermon was preached by Bishop Pearce. During the day C. L. Howland was ordained elder, and S. L. Butcher and W. E. Freeman were ordained deacons. At 3 o'clock, under the auspices of the Woman's Foreign Missionary

Society, Dr. and Mrs. Backenstoe graphically described their work in Africa. In the evening Rev. C. M. Sandys preached an inspiring sermon on the ministry of the Spirit.

APPOINTMENTS

GENESEE DISTRICT—J. H. HARMON, District Elder, 35 North Union street, Rochester, New York

RochesterE. M. Sandys, supply, 71 Richmond street, Rochester, New York
 North Chili.....C. L. Howland, North Chili, "
 Parma Center, North Parma and Clarkson.....E. C. Reber, Spencerport, "
 Brockport and Hulburton.....B. F. Hitchcock, Brockport, "
 Sweden.....O. C. Blowers, Bergen, R. F. D. (to Sweden), "
 West Kendall and Kendall Mills...C. M. Stirdivant, West Kendall, "
 AlbionL. A. Southworth, 20 Platt street, Albion, "
 Gaines.....D. W. Steele, Albion, R. F. D., "
 Batavia and Alexander..J. F. Franklin, 2 Linwood avenue, Batavia, "
 GreigsvilleTo be supplied

William Pearce, bishop; B. Winget, general missionary secretary; C. D. Brooks, B. H. Roberts, William Newkirk, supernumerary; H. A. Blowers, J. J. Kelly, withdrawn; C. W. Bacon, principal of A. M. Chesbrough Seminary; Ezra P. Whitton, teacher in A. M. Chesbrough Seminary.

BUFFALO DISTRICT—R. H. WARREN, District Elder, 83 Beattie avenue, Lockport, New York

Buffalo, Virginia street.....J. O'Regan, 73 Tenth street, Buffalo, New York
 Buffalo, Potomac avenue.....F. M. Campbell, 177 Potomac avenue, Buffalo, "
 Akron and North Newstead.....L. F. Clark, Akron, "
 Lockport.....E. A. Taylor, 35 Park avenue, Lockport, "
 Newfane and Wilson.....G. M. Allen, Newfane, "
 Ransomville.....R. A. Robertson, Ransomville, "
 Tonawanda.....L. K. Manning, 91 Adams street, Tonawanda, "
 Niagara Falls...S. L. Butcher, 1507 Weston avenue, Niagara Falls, "
 West Falls.....C. W. Thurber, West Falls, "
 Pendleton.....A. L. Bates, R. F. D. No. 4, Lockport, "

W. T. Hogue, bishop; A. A. Burgess, superannuated; L. A. Sager, evangelist, 40 Barry place, Buffalo, New York.

ALLEGANY DISTRICT—A. H. BENNETT, District Elder, Perry, New York

Allegany and Dutch Hill.....M. G. Cottrill, supply, Allegany, New York
 Bolivar, Belmont and Fords Brook.....W. E. Freeman, Bolivar, "
 East Otto, Ashford and Springville.....L. J. Leonard, East Otto, "
 Elton and Yorkshire.....H. J. Wood, Yorkshire, "
 Perry.....Milton A. Parker, Perry, "
 Franklinville.....C. L. Silvernail, Franklinville, "
 Rushford.....T. S. Simpson, Rushford, "
 Rockville and Belfast...G. S. Chamberlain, Black Creek, R. F. D., "
 Johnsonburg and Union Corners.....Levi Ecker, Johnsonburg, "
 Gainesville and Weathersfield Springs.....B. F. Shriner, Warsaw, R. F. D., "
 Wales and Town Line.....M. E. Ellis, Wales, "

G. B. Tingue, granted a certificate of standing with a view to transfer; C. H. Reed, Victoria G. Reed, supplying work in Southern California conference.

CHAUTAUQUA DISTRICT—R. CARNE, District Elder, 620 Spring street,
Jamestown, New York

Jamestown.....	J. H. Wheeler, 511 East Seventh street, Jamestown, New York	
Forestville and Fredonia.....	N. B. Martin, Forestville,	"
West Salamanca	To be supplied	
South Dayton and Leon.....	G. D. Marks, South Dayton, New York	
Ellington.....	L. Barmore, Ellington,	"
East Randolph.....	S. G. Bartlett, supply, Randolph,	"
Gerry and Gerry Homes.....	C. E. Pike, Gerry,	"
Cattaraugus and New Albion.....	B. N. Miner, Cattaraugus,	"
Gowanda and North Collins.....	E. C. Best, Gowanda,	"
Collins Center and Marshfield.....	H. L. Miner, Collins Center,	"

L. D. Perkins, William Manning, superannuated; F. A. Perkins, super-numerary.

LOCAL PREACHERS AND EVANGELISTS

M. C. Burritt.....	Leroy, New York	Olive S. Teft...East Otto, New York
A. K. Bacon.....	Albion, "	J. P. Beach.....Lockport, "
Bert Sumner	Belfast, New York	Lena Southworth...Albion, New York
Clayton Fairbanks, Perkins place, Buf-falo, New York		M. G. Cottrill....Allegany, "
W. W. Warner....	Batavia, New York	Miss A. P. Carpenter, North Chili, New York
W. P. Carpenter, Blockville, "		Mrs. Emma Holbrook, Hilton, New York
J. G. Tuxford, 11 Grant street, James-town, New York		Mrs. E. S. Roberts, Berea, Kentucky
F. R. Ballard..	Cattaraugus, New York	Mrs. E. C. Best, Gowanda, New York
Roy Cooley	Forestville, "	Mrs. L. F. Manning, Cattaraugus, New York
H. W. Rowley....	Norwich, "	Mrs. Amanda M. Garlock, Greenville, Illinois
G. B. Altoft.....	Perry, "	Miss Maud Edwards, a missionary to China
A. J. Pratt.....	East Otto, "	Simon Witmer, 1024 Grove avenue, Ni-agara Falls, New York
C. A. Elliott.....	Elton, "	Fay Phelps, South Dayton, New York
M. H. Constantine, Franklinville, New York		
O. E. Tiffany.....	Belfast, New York	
Clayton Hatfield ..	Warsaw, "	

TREASURER'S REPORT

There was a deficiency in the conference claims outside of the conference mission fund of \$7.45. This was covered by an offering taken on Sunday morning.

Balance on hand September 9, 1911, \$9.84; surplus by Sunday's collection, \$14.82; credited interest by the bank, \$1.99; expenses of the treasurer, \$6.03; balance on hand September 9, 1912, \$20.62.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—\$736.20.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—\$294.48.

PERMANENT FUND—\$81.80.

GENERAL MISSIONS—\$245.40.

CHURCH EXTENSION—\$163.60.

GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT FUND—\$49.08.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Raised during the year, \$310.87; on hand from last year, \$6.34; total, \$317.42. The committee on missions recommended, and the conference approved, the following appropriations, namely: D. W. Steele, \$25; E. C. Best, \$25; L. J. Leonard, \$25; M. G. Cottrill, \$25; A. L. Bates, \$10; L. F. Clark, \$35; S. L. Butcher, \$20; B. F. Hitchcock, \$15; O. C. Blowers, \$30; L. A. Sager, \$25; Bolivar circuit, \$25; C. W. Thurber, \$27; W. E. Freeman, \$15; N. B. Martin, \$25; balance, 17 cents. The conference ordered an amount

equal to twenty cents a member to be raised for conference missions the coming year.

SPECIAL FUNDS—Educational Fund, \$13.50; Children's Day Fund, \$44.76; Foreign Missions, \$5.00.

CLAIMS OF CLAIMANTS RECOMMENDED—William Manning, \$150; L. D. Perkins, \$150; A. A. Burgess, \$100; Gertrude E. Phillips, \$30; Lucinda P. Brown, \$150; Marcia Southworth, \$80; Amelia C. Palmer, \$90; Mary M. Robinson, \$150; Adelia A. White, \$150.

TREASURER OF CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES—Balance on hand September 9, 1911, \$4.40; interest on Stevens legacy, \$55; interest from Rochester Savings Bank, \$67.48; interest from Monroe County savings bank, \$40.68; interest from mortgage, \$30; total, \$197.56. The board advised and the conference ordered the following disbursements: Amelia Palmer, \$60; William Manning, \$20; Adelia A. White, \$15; Ruth Bacon, \$15; Mary M. Robinson, \$15; Lucinda P. Browne, \$15; L. D. Perkins, \$15; G. D. Mark, \$15; A. A. Burgess, \$12.56; balance, nothing.

A legacy from Henry Hornsby estate was received four years ago and by oversight was not reported to the conference, but its benefit has been appropriated each year; its amount is \$500.

From sales of properties.—Balance per last published minutes, \$2,495; paid to the Gaines society, as per order of conference last year and not noted in last published minutes, \$100; to the Salamanca society, \$14; and to J. H. Wheeler, for purchase of a conference safe, \$40; invested \$1,000 as ordered by conference last year, proceeds of same to be used to aid weak societies in repairing their churches; balance subject to the order of the conference, \$1,141 plus \$57.60 interest; total, \$1,198.60. The board recommended and the conference ordered the following disbursements: \$20.40, proceeds from the sale of the North Parma church furniture, be returned to the remaining members of the society; \$500 be donated to the A. M. Chesbrough Seminary; \$200 be donated to the Niagara Falls society to aid them in liquidating the paying indebtedness and repairing the property; the conference ordered that \$200 be donated to the Batavia society for improvements on the property; and that the balance of \$378.20 remain in the treasury.

The \$40 accrued interest from the \$1,000 invested fund was, by action of conference, divided equally between the Gaines and West Falls societies to aid in needed repairs on their properties.

As per action of the conference last year, the parsonage at Alexander was sold for \$550; the mortgage was paid, amount \$350, interest due on same, \$37; cost of sale, \$25; balance held in trust, as per previous order of conference for repairs on the Alexander church, \$138.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS

The system of Bible study is a very ancient institution. In varying forms and different names it has come down to us from Judaism. The Israelites were admonished by Moses to diligently teach their children the commandments and ordinances of their holy religion. Later there were schools of the prophets. Jesus, when here on earth, taught His disciples. In the Acts we read that Priscilla and Aquilla taught the orator Apollos the more perfect way. Paul faithfully instructed his son Timothy, who had been thoroughly trained by his devoted mother Eunice and his pious grandmother Lois. The same spirit prompted Robert Raikes and Sophia Cook in Gloucester, England, in the hot month of July, 1780, to revive the study of God's Word among the neglected children, and thus inaugurated the modern Sabbath-school, which will doubtless be perpetuated so long as time shall last and children need instruction.

We rejoice that the importance of this branch of the work of the church is so generally recognized among us. It is a fact of considerable significance

that within the boundary of our conference more than 2,500 students gather each Sabbath for the study of the Bible under the instruction of 400 earnest devoted teachers. While this is encouraging, nevertheless it does not lessen the responsibility of laboring more zealously for a still larger percentage in our Sunday-schools, especially since 90 percent of those converted in our church are first scholars. In the past, whole families have been brought to God and the church through the influence of the children converted among us.

The primary object should not be to merely instruct or indoctrinate the young minds, but rather to secure direct and positive results. Our children should not pass from the Sabbath-school to the world, but to the shelter of the church. "Where is the hope of the twentieth century"? is asked; the answer comes, "In the children of to-day." "Who will fill the pews and pulpits, and make up the rank and file of noble Christians"? "The boys and girls of to-day," is the ready response. If we secure the salvation of the children, we not only save their souls, but we secure their valuable lives for Christ's service. Mr. Spurgeon made a statement that "he had never been obliged to expel from church membership one who was converted and joined the church while young."

If the training of the child has to do with the whole life, we feel that it should be deeply spiritual and intensely practical.

We recognize the importance of Sabbath-school work, not only among the young, but the aged and shut-ins as well, and therefore recommend a greater interest in the House Department, the Cradle Roll, and the home mission field. We are pleased to note the increase of interest in our district Sunday-school conventions, which are being held by us as a conference, and that our conference appoints a Sunday-school secretary from year to year. We also have reasons to rejoice in the fact that our general conference has taken a decided interest in Sunday-school work by electing an evangelist, whose special task is to look after the interest of this work, and who has introduced the teacher training course.

We wish to express our appreciation for the high standard of Sunday-school literature sent out by our publishing house, and we herald with approval the recent merging of our Sunday-school papers into the *Light and Life* series dated appropriately for use on each Sabbath.

II.—CHURCH LITERATURE

Every branch of business has its literature in the form of books, papers, periodicals, magazines and cyclopedias, from which persons may gather information respecting their special calling, that they may profit by the knowledge and experience of others more knowing and skilful than themselves, and the reading public have their daily and weekly periodicals from which to gather information of the daily happenings of interest, both at home and abroad, in different parts of the world.

The Christian church has its literature, too, for the benefit of the membership and all others who wish to become interested in the same. The Bible is God's literature issued and compiled and handed down through the ages for the benefit of the human family, and especially for the purpose of revealing to mankind things respecting himself—man, the creation, man's fall, and redemption through the blood of Jesus Christ. The range of man's possibilities and destiny, the justice and mercy of God, the weal and woe, the life and death, heaven and hell that lies in his path, or awaits him in the future, are subjects which can only be known by revelation as given in the Bible. Everything pertaining to man's happiness, both here and hereafter, has been and is brought to view in the Word of God, to make success in His service not only possible, but certain, and the reward of the "Well done" at the last.

Satan also has his literature. The secular press is largely under his dictum, and carloads of vile, poisonous, soul-sickening literature is daily issuing from the press, and is scattered broadcast over the world, whereby, through its influence, characters are being formed and destinies eternally fixed. One has said of the present time, "It is an age of all ages, when we need to look well

to what we read, and to what our children read." Is it not time that the pulpit ring out its warning without reserve, against all that is doubtful and unhealthful in literature, and against the literary productions of unorthodox sources when the reading of such productions will be sure to trip the unwary, sooner or later, as their design is largely to counteract the orthodox, devoted Christian's faith? That being done, the faith becomes weak and unsteady, the steps wavering, and the experience either dies or becomes unreliable.

As the mission of the Free Methodist church is to spread scriptural holiness over the land, it behoves her ministers and members to look well to their reading matter.

It is with pleasure that we are able to point to the literature that is published or handled by the Free Methodist publishing house as being safe for the church, the Sunday-school and the home circle. The *Free Methodist*, the Sunday-school supplies, quarterlies, the *Light and Life Evangel* series, and the song books, *Light and Life*, and *Voices of Praise*, are in harmony with the doctrines of the Bible, and can be used, and recommended with confidence to the Christian public.

We hope our preachers and the rank and file of the membership will give heed to the Apostle Paul's advice to Timothy, "Give attendance to reading."

We hope the day may be near when the little catechism will be found in the home, and in the Sunday-school, and that its contents will become familiar to all.

III.—ON EDUCATION

In the business world, mental training and culture are at a premium. The salary of the laborer is \$500; that of the master mechanic is \$5,000. Oftentimes the sole difference between the two is ten years of schooling. And while the labor market is usually crowded, the men of mental breadth and grasp are always in demand. In governmental and professional affairs like preference is given to the advanced student. The man who knows gets paid for his knowledge. Many religious leaders have been seduced into the error of supposing that if some natural ability and much mental training would bring the desired results in other fields the same would be true in religious work. Hence the demand for none but educated preachers, missionaries and other Christian workers. The trained, talented and eloquent men who answer this call have often failed to feed the sheep and lead men from darkness and death to light and life. Seeing this failure, good people have spoken against education, supposing too much training to be the cause of such results. But those who reach such conclusions are wrong. God not only does not refuse to work with educated men and women, but, other things being equal, shows a decided preference for such. Reference to history will prove this to be the case. Moses and St. Paul are known to us as two of the greatest religious leaders of all history. A study of their lives, however, will prove that each spent many years in the best schools of his time before beginning his life work. Both could be ranked among trained thinkers and scholars. The wisdom which God gave them was not intended as a substitute for a development of their mental faculties, but was given in addition to their already large acquirements. In Besse's Church History we have the names of twenty-nine leaders of the reformation, including all the great religious lights from the twelfth to the eighteenth centuries. Twenty-eight of these twenty-nine persons had training in the colleges and universities of Europe. With such statistics as these we are forced to the conclusion that the Lord either inspires those whom he would make his leaders to acquire an education, or specially selects and blesses those who have had the mental training. If we take either position, the value of education must be admitted. It is a gracious fact that the Lord does greatly use, in His vineyard, some persons of limited early advantages, but it is also true that those who have presumptuously failed to take advantage of their opportunities have spent years bewailing their loss. If we can have the Lord with us as he is with us now, we may be sure that increased education among our

laity and preachers will be a great blessing to us as a denomination. Many of our young men make the mistake of going into the ministry when they should spend five or six years longer in school.

If it is essential that our young people get mental training, it is doubly important that they get it under proper conditions. The secular high schools, colleges and universities, and some of the larger denominational institutions, are not only void of all that will help young men and women to develop Christian character, but very frequently shed an anti-religious influence upon their student bodies. The instructors in these schools are rarely devout Christians. Many of them scoff at godliness, and openly question the truth and authority of God's Word. Skeptical and so-called broad teachings are insinuated into the legitimate class room instructions. In some districts and states there seems to be a systematized effort to rule out godliness and force in worldliness. The reading and teaching of the Bible in every form is eliminated from many of the public schools. On the other hand, dancing is often made compulsory. These two positions alone are enough to make good people desire to take their children from such ruinous and satanic influences. In these schools some Christian young people are to be found, but the worldly and anti-Christian dominate the student life. The social life is deplorable. The fraternities, the parties, the dance, the athletics gone mad, the cigarette and the immodest attire conspire to sap the foundation of moral character. If a student is not willing to consent to these things he must withdraw himself from student life and be deprived of that important part of his education which comes from the rubbing together of kindred minds. A few of those young people who are so unfortunate as to be placed by others, or so unwise as to place themselves under such influences come out of these places of learning like three Hebrew children from the furnace unburned and unhurt, but in most cases the fire does its work, the moral and religious foundation is burned away, and the victim is lost to himself and the church.

Good men and women, seeing the need of schools better adapted for the training of our young people have, at the cost of great sacrifice, established and maintained Christian educational institutions. The Free Methodist church is sustaining eight seminaries and one college, all of which are worthy of the patronage and financial support of our people.

The committee wishes to call special attention to Greenville College, situated at Greenville, Illinois. In that institution a thorough college training may be obtained under competent religious instructors, with the association of a clean, bright and morally invigorating student body.

At North Chili, N. Y., within the bounds of this conference, is situated the A. M. Chesbrough Seminary. This school is the oldest in our denomination and has a good record. About forty missionaries and two hundred preachers have pursued work in its class rooms. Beside these, scores of persons have left its halls to enter professional life as teachers, physicians, etc. Hundreds of others have been blessed by the school and have gone forth to fill the ranks of the laity. It would seem that the church could hardly have spared an institution with such broad and beneficent influence. The days of usefulness for the seminary are not past. The condition which demanded its establishment demands its maintenance and enlargement. This school cannot be regarded indifferently without serious loss to this and neighboring conferences, and the work of God in general. This institution deserves better patronage and financial support from this conference than it has had for some years. Just now it needs a new building, a larger student body, and more earnest, prayerful friends. But to state the matter differently, our children and our church need the school.

In this report special attention has been given to the A. M. Chesbrough Seminary because it is the institution at our door for which we are especially responsible, and because we believe that wise and earnest efforts for the school now will bring large returns to the church in days to come.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GENESEE CONFERENCE
GENESEE AND BUFFALO DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER													Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claims	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Entertainment General Conference
Genesee District																												
J. H. Harmon, District Elder																												
Rochester	93	2	95	1	1	1	1	1	11	82	20	\$ 35 55	\$ 14 22	\$ 15 80	\$ 11 85	\$ 7 90	\$ 2 37											
North Chili	47	15	62	1	2	1	1	1	9	75	18	20 70	38	9 20	6 90	4 60	1 38											
Parma Center, North Parma, etc.	56	16	72	1	1	1	1	1	13	74	20	28 80	11 52	12 80	9 60	6 40	1 92											
Brookport, West Greece, etc.	22	2	24	1	1	1	1	1	6	25	7	7 65	3 06	3 40	2 55	1 70	1 51											
Sweden	9	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	8	51	3	4 05	1 62	1 35	1 35	1 70	1 51											
West Kendall and Kendall Mills	61	8	69	1	2	1	1	1	18	137	15	30 60	12 24	13 60	10 20	6 80	.....										
Albion	92	8	100	1	1	1	1	1	11	84	30	40 50	16 20	18 00	13 50	9 00	.....										
Gaines and Oak Orchard	17	1	18	1	1	1	1	1	3	16	5	14 40	5 76	.....	4 80	3 20	.....										
Batavia	26	7	33	1	1	1	1	1	9	40	8	15 75	6 30	7 00	5 25	3 50	1 05											
Buffalo District																												
J. H. Wheeler, District Elder																												
Buffalo, Virginia St.	65	6	71	1	1	1	1	1	9	70	16	31 95	12 78	14 20	10 65	7 10	.....										
Buffalo, Potomac Ave.	71	10	81	1	1	1	1	1	21	133	12	36 00	14 40	16 00	12 00	8 00	.....										
Akron and North Newstead	37	2	39	1	1	1	1	1	14	33	6	16 35	6 66	7 40	5 55	3 70	1 11											
Lockport	19	1	20	1	1	1	1	1	9	70	15	25 65	10 26	11 40	8 55	5 70	.....										
N. Tonawanda	10	1	11	1	1	1	1	1	4	15	4	9 00	3 60	4 00	3 00	2 00	.....										
Ransomville	48	3	51	1	1	1	1	1	7	35	7	23 40	9 36	10 40	7 80	5 20	1 56											
Tonawanda	43	3	46	1	1	1	1	1	14	133	6	18 00	7 20	8 00	6 00	4 00	1 20											
Niagara Falls	25	5	30	2	1	1	1	1	5	32	4	10 35	4 14	4 60	3 45	2 30	69											
West Falls and Colden	23	2	25	1	1	1	1	1	6	50	6	10 80	4 32	4 80	3 60	2 40	72											
S. Butcher	14	4	18	1	1	1	1	1	8	26	6	5 85	2 34	2 60	1 95	1 30											
Pendleton	14	4	18	1	1	1	1	1	8	26	6	5 85	2 34	2 60	1 95	1 30											

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ALLEGANY AND CHAUTAUQUA DISTRICTS

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Genesee District															
Rochester	3 95	\$	\$ 85 00	\$	\$ 5 50	\$ 61 55	\$ 3 95	\$ 850 00	\$ 350 00	102 15	\$ 182 23	1	7000	1	\$ 8000
North Chili	2 30	83 84	183 02	.....	5 76	0 17	0 17	403 38	100 00	62 00	30 00	1	2500	1	1800
Parma Center, North Parma, etc.	2 30	2 00	28 60	.....	2 58	30 69	3 30	404 71	175 00	62 06	.....	1	2500	1	2000
Brookport, West Greece, etc.	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 09	85	304 60	150 00	32 00	.....	1	2000	1	2000
Swanton .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 04	45	119 60	50 00	9 83	.....	1	1500	1	1000
West Kendall and Kendall Mills	2 04	3 00	65 77	3 60	3 33	67 52	3 40	501 75	50 00	85 00	11 43	1	5000	1	1500
Albion	2 70	15 00	72 60	3 00	2 00	49 30	4 50	500 00	150 00	102 26	.....	1	9000	1	2000
Gaines and Oak Orchard	1 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 47	1 60	215 09	100 00	42 53	.....	1	1000	1	1500
Batavia	1 75	.....	10 00	.....	.....	36 46	1 75	300 00	100 00	30 01	.....	1	2000	1	1800
General meetings .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	146 04	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Buffalo District															
Buffalo, Virginia St.	3 55	.....	56 38	3 45	.....	72 33	3 55	633 95	300 00	104 03	37 00	1	13500	1	3500
Buffalo, Potomac Ave.	4 00	.....	74 56	.....	7 00	202 84	4 00	575 00	180 00	101 00	23 28	1	3500	1	2000
Akron and North Newstead.	1 85	.....	47 21	.....	.....	53 62	1 85	450 00	150 00	40 36	.....	1	2500	1	1800
Lockport	2 85	.....	80 82	.....	3 09	8 47	2 85	543 30	150 00	61 00	.....	1	5500	1	1800
Newfane	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	53 62	1 00	254 30	120 00	24 96	.....	1	2000	1	2000
Ransomville	2 60	.....	30 50	100 00	7 31	123 40	.....	458 00	108 00	60 00	17 00	1	3000	1	2500
Tonawanda	1 00	.....	39 46	.....	.....	141 37	.....	380 00	168 00	32 00	.....	1	2000	1	2500
Wagons Falls	1 10	.....	30 46	.....	.....	23 25	1 10	215 00	60 00	25 00	.....	1	3350	1	2000
West Gettysburg	1 20	.....	11 54	.....	.....	23 25	1 20	215 00	60 00	25 00	.....	1	1000	1	2000
Prebleton	1 65	20 19	18 77	3 00	23 87	65	300 00	60 00	28 87	12 50	1	2500	1	500
General meetings	146 23

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ALLEGANY AND CHAUTAUQUA DISTRICTS

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Allegany District															
Allegany	1 10	22 83	12 00	1 00	235 10	90 00	29 62	5 00	3000	1	1500
Pottsville	1 55	.....	17 64	.....	.....	11 50	1 95	336 90	75 00	25 30	.....	.....	4500	1	2000
Edin	1 35	.....	17 64	.....	.....	35 55	3 22	300 00	75 00	43 17	.....	.....	1000	1	1000
Edin and Yorkville	1 35	.....	182 73	.....	.....	513 37	3 22	513 37	75 00	63 64	24 60	.....	2500	1	1600
Perry	1 35	.....	7 25	.....	.....	15 63	1 80	400 00	150 00	28 05	.....	.....	2500	1	2500
Franklinville	1 60	.....	50 50	.....	.....	26 16	1 80	400 00	96 00	28 05	.....	.....	2000	1	1200
Rushford	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 56	1 10	177 29	50 00	53 82	40 35	.....	2000	1	1000
Rockville	1 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 17	.....	352 75	.....	29 23	.....	.....	1000	1	1000
Johnstown	1 85	.....	.....	.....	.....	41 50	.....	361 00	40 00	28 53	.....	.....	1100	1	600
Gainesville, Weathersfield Springs Wales and Town Line	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	2 50	361 00	40 00	40 05	10 00	.....	2000	1	600
General meetings	95	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	95	66 38	.....	60 19	.....	.....	2500	1	500
	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	151 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chautauqua District															
Jamestown	4 75	2 85	143 97	4 00	4 00	198 59	4 75	\$50 00	150 00	112 83	61 70	.....	10000	1	2000
Forestville, Fredonia and Irving	2 75	1 00	34 14	.....	2 25	29 63	2 75	511 51	75 00	51 92	.....	.....	33400	1	3000
West Salamanca	60	2 00	.....	.....	.....	7 61	.....	205 00	60 00	20 00	.....	.....	1000	1	800
South Dayton and Leon	1 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 59	1 35	266 18	70 00	43 81	.....	.....	2500	1	1000
Ellington	1 35	.....	43 71	1 00	.....	20 65	1 35	400 00	50 00	40 00	6 00	.....	1000	1	1000
Gerry and Gerry Home	3 25	3 50	43 38	.....	3 45	54 39	3 25	506 77	75 00	93 54	.....	.....	1700	1	1000
Cattaraugus and New Albion	2 20	4 00	23 25	.....	.....	53 42	2 20	415 30	120 00	52 74	11 44	.....	2500	1	1200
Gowanda	40	.....	27 48	.....	.....	5 60	40	193 00	80 00	23 75	.....	.....	2500	1	1000
Collins Center and Marshfield	1 10	2 00	.....	.....	.....	26 73	1 00	382 40	50 00	37 68	5 00	.....	1600	1	580
East Randolph	1 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00	.....	30 16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
General meetings .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	143 62	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	\$ 18 09	\$157 02	\$ 878 75	\$110 25	\$ 66 43	\$ 641 11	\$75 30	\$1527 63	\$1382 00	\$2651 26	\$ 209 59	55	\$104900	39	\$ 62050

Junior Missionary—Home Missions, \$64; Albion, \$59; Pendleton, \$5; S. S. Evangelist, \$3.69; Virginia Street Buffalo.
 Woman's Foreign Missionary Society report \$119.08 more on Genesee, \$36.40 more on Buffalo, \$50.05 more on Allegany, \$68.30 more on Chautau-
 qua than this report by circuits. Conference collection last year, \$52; total of their report, \$1,776.69.

NEW YORK CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirty-ninth Annual Session, held at
Trucksville, Pennsylvania, September 18-21, 1912

OFFICERS

WILLIAM PEARCE, *President*
C. ADAM KRESS, *Secretary* LUTHER H. KETELS, *Assistant Secretary*
JOHN WINTSCH, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—William Pearce, J. T. Rider, F. F. Shoup, A. W. Myer, A. G. Miller.
On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.
To Collect Funds for Publishing Minutes—W. B. Bertels.
On Examining Quarterly Conference Records—F. F. Shoup, W. J. Mosedale, W. H. Laning.
On Reforms—A. W. Myer, D. J. Santmier, J. W. Tamblyn.
On Education—O. C. Ketels, G. W. Kopp, C. E. Ferguson.
On Publications—W. J. Mosedale, J. E. Payne, H. W. Hodge, J. E. Norris.
On Sunday-schools—G. W. Kopp, W. H. VanNess, L. H. Ketels.
On State of the Work—F. F. Shoup, A. R. Henry, A. W. Myer.
On Credentials—D. J. Santmier, W. B. Bertels, A. R. Henry.
On Ministerial Relations—D. J. Santmier, A. G. Miller, F. F. Shoup, W. B. Bertels, M. F. Boring.
On Conference Claimants and Claims—William Pearce, F. F. Shoup, A. W. Myer, A. R. Henry, W. B. Bertels.
On Complimentary Resolutions—William Gould, John Cavanaugh.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Reforms—O. C. Ketels, *On Sunday-schools*—G. W. Kopp,
On Education—L. H. Ketels, *On Publications*—W. J. Mosedale,
On State of the Work—F. F. Shoup.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

O. V. Ketels, president; O. D. Seward, secretary; W. B. Bertels, treasurer; A. G. Miller, A. W. Myer.

CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD

D. J. Santmier, president; A. W. Myer, secretary; W. B. Bertels, treasurer; A. G. Miller, A. R. Henry.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

A. G. Miller, president; C. Adam Kress, secretary; W. J. Mosedale; terms expire 1914, 1913 and 1915, respectively.

CONFERENCE SUNDAY-SCHOOL SECRETARIES

New York district, F. F. Shoup; Philadelphia district, A. R. Henry; Wilkes-Barre district, O. C. Ketels; Windsor district, C. E. Ferguson.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

W. B. Bertels, president; Hedley Pedlar, secretary; W. J. Barnes, treasurer; George Eakins, R. P. Johnston. Their respective terms expire 1914, 1914, 1915, 1913, 1913.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions (25 cents); second quarter, General Missions (15 cents), Church Extension (10 cents); third quarter, Superannuated Fund (45 cents); fourth quarter, Permanent Fund (5 cents), Bishops' Salaries (18 cents), Entertainment of General Conference (2 cents).

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. Martha L. Shoup, 265 Seventeenth street, Brooklyn, New York; first vice-president, Mrs. Mary E. Santmier, 510 Lincoln street, Sayre, Pennsylvania; second vice-president, Mrs. Lucy E. Martin, Walton, New York; recording secretary, Miss Elizabeth Moreland, Flemington, New Jersey; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Jessie Thompson Kress, Dallas, Pennsylvania; treasurer, Mrs. Louise Cavanaugh, White Haven, Pennsylvania; superintendent of Junior work, Miss Kate H. Booth, Allaben, New York; committee on conference missionary box, Mrs. F. E. McLaughlin, 198 Conklin avenue, Binghamton, New York.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

William Gould,	S. V. McVey,	O. V. Ketels,
George Eakins,	C. F. Wurster,	John Wintsch,
J. W. Tambllyn,	D. J. Santmier,	A. G. Miller,
W. B. Rose,	J. T. Logan,	O. D. Seward,
John Cavanaugh,	J. E. Payne,	A. W. Myer,
M. B. Myer,	C. A. Kress,	B. A. Scull,
W. J. Mosedale,	O. C. Ketels,	W. H. VanNess,
G. W. Kopp,	F. F. Shoup,	E. M. Sandys,
W. H. Laning,	J. T. Rider,	L. H. Ketels,
H. W. Hodge,	C. E. Ferguson,	H. G. Preston,
D. A. King,		

DELEGATES

W. J. Barnes,	A. K. Lindsley,	Martha L. Shoup,
W. B. Bertels,	W. T. Matthews,	Louisa Smith,
W. G. Bobb,	L. J. Martin,	Delia C. Stage,
M. F. Boring,	C. L. Moore,	Thomas Strong,
N. E. Bristol,	Frank Noll,	Alvin Swingle,
Clara R. Cooley,	J. E. Norris,	D. M. Thomas,
T. H. Craig,	George Peverill,	Josiah Trowbridge,
J. F. Eberhard,	Luther Poole,	L. D. Wallace,
Jennie E. Franklin,	E. H. Ryman,	S. T. Wolfe,
A. R. Henry,	F. B. Sanford,	Loren Wright,
W. P. Jayne,		

2. Who are the stationing committee? William Pearce, F. F. Shoup, D. J. Santmier, A. G. Miller, J. F. Eberhard, A. R. Henry, W. B. Bertels, F. B. Sanford.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? F. E. Ambrose, H. Z. Albaugh, L. H. Kelley, A. K. Lindsley.

4. Who remain on trial? None.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? D. A. King.

6. Who are the deacons? F. E. Ambrose, D. A. King.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? James T. Rider, Luther H. Ketels.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? B. A. Scull, C. F. Wurster.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? William Gould, S. V. McVey, O. V. Ketels, J. W. Tambllyn, O. D. Seward, J. E. Payne, M. B. Myer.
11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? None.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.
13. Who have been given a certificate of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? None.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.
15. Who have died this year? None.
- 16-20. See statistical tables.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? William Gould, \$150; S. V. McVey, \$100; O. V. Ketels, \$150; J. W. Tambllyn, \$150; O. D. Seward, \$150; J. E. Payne, \$140; M. B. Myer, \$70; Emma H. Haviland, \$80.
- 22, 23. See statistical tables.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? In the First Free Methodist Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as near the third Wednesday in September, 1913, as can be arranged in harmony with the conference visitation plan of the board of bishops.

MISCELLANEOUS

The thirty-ninth annual session of the New York conference was held at Trucksville, Pennsylvania, September 18-21, 1912. Bishop Pearce presided with becoming dignity, tact and grace. His rulings at critical junctures bespoke the administrator and parliamentarian, and his words of counsel and admonition were eminently appropriate. The sermon preached on Sunday morning showed him to be a master of pulpit discourse, and a faithful dispenser of the Word of Life.

An excellent missionary meeting, under the auspices of the W. F. M. S., was held on Sunday afternoon. Dr. W. A. Backenstoe and wife, returned missionaries from Africa, gave interesting addresses and exhibited curios. An appeal for cash and subscriptions resulted in raising \$315.01. Other requests for funds were also made during the sittings and religious services, approximating, with the amount raised for missions, \$600.

Rev. C. W. Bacon, field secretary and principal of the A. M. Chesbrough Seminary, preached in the evening, following which an altar call was given, and several responded.

APPOINTMENTS

NEW YORK DISTRICT—F. F. SHoup, District Elder

Brooklyn, Sixteenth Street.....	H. W. Hodge
Brooklyn, Hooper Street.....	W. H. VanNess
New York	To be supplied
Roosevelt	To be supplied
Newark	H. Z. Albaugh
Dover	H. G. Preston
Flemington	Elizabeth Moreland, supply
Phillipsburg	To be supplied
Allentown	D. A. King
White Haven, Beaumont and Sandy Valley.....	John Cavanaugh

W. B. Rose, publishing agent; William Gould, O. V. Ketels, O. D. Seward, J. W. Tambllyn, superannuated; C. F. Wurster, supernumerary; E. M. Sandys, supplying work in the Genesee conference.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT—D. J. SANTMIER, District Elder

Philadelphia, Vineland, West Philadelphia and Camden.....
F. E. Ambrose, A. R. Henry, supply
 Pleasant Hill and Havre de Grace.....To be supplied
 BaltimoreL. H. Ketels
 Alesia and Fairmount.....To be supplied
 Rockville, Lay Hill, Avery, Spencerville and Savage.....W. J. Mosedale
 Alexandria and Washington.....George Eakins
 Newville and Middletown.....To be supplied
 B. A. Scull, supernumerary.

WILKES-BARRE DISTRICT—C. ADAM KRESS, District Elder

Wilkes-Barre, Dorranceton and Nuangola.....W. H. Laning
 Prospect Hill, Vose, Meshoppen and Russell Hill.....O. C. Ketels
 Trucksville, Orange, Outlet, Dallas and Plattsburg.....J. T. Rider
 Waverly, Scranton, Highland and East Lenox..D. M. Thomas, N. E. Bristol, sup.
 Glenwood and Titusville.....Loren Wright, supply
 Beech Lake, East Berlin and Honesdale.....R. C. Smith, supply
 Simon, Ariel and Pink.....G. W. Kopp
 Lake Carey and Park Vail.....U. D. Barber, supply
 J. T. Logan, editor of the *Free Methodist*; S. V. McVey, superannuated;
 A. G. Miller, conference evangelist.

WINDSOR DISTRICT—A. W. MYER, District Elder

Windsor, East Windsor and Centre Village.....L. H. Kelley
 Bainbridge, Unadilla and Portlandville.....J. Snitchler, supply
 Uniondale, West Preston, Stevens Point and Kenyon Hill..J. E. Norris, supply
 Lake Como, Pleasant Valley and Equinunk.....Nellie Mulholland, supply
 WaltonJohn Wintch
 Carcus Brook and Peakville.....Lucy E. Martin, supply
 Ferndale, Briscoe, Dahlia and Berry Brook.....C. E. Ferguson
 Big Hollow, North Settlement and Ashland.....A. K. Lindsley
 Allaben, Pine Hill and Kingston.....Kate H. Booth, supply
 Godeffroy and Milford.....J. B. Hultslander, supply
 M. B. Myer, J. E. Payne, superannuated.

LOCAL PREACHERS—ELDERS

W. B. Bertels, 19 East South street, Albert Sergeant, 817 Poplar street, Wil-
 Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania mington, Delaware
 A. R. Henry, 1719 North 25th street, G. W. Swingle, South Canaan, Penn-
 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania sylvania

LOCAL PREACHERS—DEACONS

W. J. Barnes, Honesdale, Pennsylvania W. H. Sands ...Dover, New Jersey
 U. D. Barber, Springville, Pennsyl- F. B. Sanford, Orson, Pennsylvania
 vania R. C. Smith, Beech Lake, Pennsyl-
 J. A. Carlson, Philadelphia, Pennsyl- vania
 vania C. H. Stahl, 20 Stark street, Wilkes-
 B. G. Ely.....Pink, Pennsylvania Barre, Pennsylvania
 W. A. F. Miller, 113 Clymer street, D. M. Thomas, Waverly, Pennsylvania
 Brooklyn, New York E. S. Wolfe, Milford "

DEACONESES

Miss Kate H. Booth, Allaben, New Mrs. Ruth E. Sandys, 71 Richmond
 York street, Rochester, New York
 Miss Elizabeth Moreland, Flemington, Mrs. Martha L. Shoup, 265-17th street,
 New Jersey Brooklyn, New York

EVANGELISTS

- Mrs. Emma Armstrong, Vineland, New Jersey
 *Kate H. Booth, Allaben, New York
 *Mrs. Calista Fairchild, Pelham, New York
 *Miss A. E. Haviland, Rahway, New Jersey
 *Mrs. Lucy E. Martin, Walton, New York
 Miss Elizabeth Moreland, Flemington, New Jersey
 Mrs. M. B. Myer, Milford, Pennsylvania
 *Mrs. J. E. Payne, East Windsor, New York
 *Mrs. Fannie Peverill, Alexandria, Virginia
 *Mrs. Ellen M. Reed, Waymart, Pennsylvania
 *Mrs. Martha L. Shoup, 265-17th street, Brooklyn, New York
 *Mrs. Mattie E. Schaffer, Hacketts-town, New Jersey
 *Mrs. Mary E. Santmier, Sayre, Pennsylvania
 Mrs. Louisa Smith, 524 Sixth street, New York City
 Mrs. W. H. VanNess, 76 Hooper street, Brooklyn, New York

LOCAL PREACHERS—UNORDAINED

- W. A. Backenstoe, M. D., Emaus, Pennsylvania
 George Brazee, Walton, New York
 J. Clark, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
 G. Chalker, East Windsor, New York
 J. F. Eberhard, 77 N. 15th street, East Orange, New Jersey
 R. C. Fuller, Waverly, Pennsylvania
 Moses Hayden, Alexandria, Virginia
 J. D. Howard, Windham, New York
 J. D. Houck, Walton, "
 H. F. Hubbard, Thompson, Pennsylvania
 J. B. Hulstlander, Matamoras, Pennsylvania
 R. P. Johnston, 363½ Twelfth street, Brooklyn, New York
 V. C. Ketels, 155-31st street, Brooklyn, New York
 J. H. Kintner, Meshoppen, Pennsylvania
 N. B. Lamereaux, Lehman, Pennsylvania
 H. Line, Greenville, Illinois
 G. E. Lester, Equinunk, Pennsylvania
 W. T. Matthews, Roosevelt, L. I., New York
 Eugene Myer, Cuddebackville, New York
 J. Nichols, . . . Thompson, Pennsylvania
 J. E. Norris, Uniondale, Pennsylvania
 Owen Oliver, Beech Lake, "
 R. P. Parker, Waverly, "
 G. Pendleton, East Lenox, Pennsylvania
 Hedley Pedlar, Brooklyn, New York
 George Peverill, Alexandria, Virginia
 R. C. Phillips, Hop Bottom, Pennsylvania
 E. H. Ryman, R. F. D. No. 1, Dallas, Pennsylvania
 W. C. Roushey, Trucksville, Pennsylvania
 A. H. Smith, Uniondale, Pennsylvania
 L. Snitchler, Bainbridge, New York
 Isaac Sutton, R. F. D. No. 2, Pittston, Pennsylvania
 Z. A. Swingle, Gravity, Pennsylvania
 J. S. Wolfe, Ariel, "
 L. Wright, R. F. D. No. 3, Nicholson, Pennsylvania
 Elbert Wells, South Africa

TREASURER'S REPORT

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—Apportioned, \$486.90; paid, \$474.50.
 BISHOPS' SALARIES—Apportioned, \$194.76; paid, \$189.50.
 CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Apportioned, \$256.95; paid, \$256.95.
 GENERAL MISSIONS—Apportioned, \$162.30; paid, \$160.80.
 CHURCH EXTENSION—Apportioned, \$108.20; paid, \$107.20.
 ENTERTAINING GENERAL CONFERENCE—Apportioned, \$32.46; paid, \$30.14.
 FOREIGN MISSIONS—Apportioned, \$21.93; paid, \$21.93.

*Licensed by annual conference.

EDUCATIONAL FUND—Apportioned, \$14.46; paid, \$14.45.

CHILDREN'S FUND—Apportioned, \$32.37; paid, \$32.37.

PERMANENT FUND—Apportioned, \$54.10; paid, \$51.48.

The deficits as respectively indicated above amount to \$25.10; a surplus of \$5.67 from last year left a balance of \$19.43 still unprovided for. This was more than covered by an offering taken during one of the conference sittings; balance in treasury, \$2.49.

PUBLISHING MINUTES—\$35.75.

MISSIONARY BOARD TREASURER—Received from conference treasurer, \$50.20; from circuits, \$206; collected, \$300.95; total, \$557.15. Paid out—To John Cavanaugh, \$360; U. D. Barber, \$120; A. G. Miller, \$5; Scranton mission, \$50; total, \$535. Balance in treasury, \$22.15.

CONFERENCE ROLL AND PREACHERS' ADDRESSES

Year of Admission into Full Connection	Name	Address
1863	William Gould	Dover, New Jersey
1872	S. V. McVey	Hollisterville, New York
1874	O. V. Ketels.... 267 Chadwick avenue,	Newark, New Jersey
1876	George Eakins	Alexandria, Virginia
1877	C. F. Wurster	Holtsville, L. I., New York
1878	John Wintsch	Walton, New York
1878	J. W. Tambllyn	New Brighton, Staten Island, New York
1880	D. J. Santmier	Sayre, Pennsylvania
1881	A. G. Miller.... 110 Bullman street,	Phillipsburg, New Jersey
1882	W. B. Rose.... 1132 Washington boulevard,	Chicago, Illinois
1885	J. T. Logan.... 1132 Washington boulevard,	Chicago, Illinois
1885	O. D. Seward.... 416 Greenwood avenue,	Brooklyn, New York
1886	E. M. Sandys	71 Richmond street, Rochester, New York
1887	W. H. Laning .....	..... 309 South Main street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania
1890	John Cavanaugh	White Haven, Pennsylvania
1892	F. F. Shoup	265 Seventeenth street, Brooklyn, New York
1893	J. E. Payne	East Windsor, New York
1896	A. W. Myer	55 St. John street, Walton, New York
1898	M. B. Myer	Milford, Pennsylvania
1904	C. A. Kress	Dallas, Pennsylvania
1904	B. A. Scull	432 Montrose street, Vineland, New Jersey
1906	W. J. Mosedale	Rockville, Pennsylvania
1908	O. C. Ketels	R. F. D. No. 5, Meshoppen, Pennsylvania
1908	W. H. VanNess	76 Hooper street, Brooklyn, New York
1908	G. W. Kopp	Gravity, Pennsylvania
1908	H. W. Hodge	124 Sixteenth street, Brooklyn, New York
1910	J. T. Rider	Dallas, Pennsylvania
1910	L. H. Ketels	3524 Cedar avenue, Baltimore, Maryland
1911	C. E. Ferguson	Ferndale, New York
1912	D. A. King	444 Turner street, Allentown, Pennsylvania
1912	H. G. Preston	Dover, New Jersey
ON TRIAL		
1912	F. Emil Ambrose .....	..... 2023 N. College avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
	H. Z. Albaugh	6 South 12th street, Newark, New Jersey
	L. H. Kelley	Windsor, New York
	A. K. Lindsley	Big Hollow, New York

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NEW YORK CONFERENCE—CONTINUED
WILKES-BARRE AND WINDSOR DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PASTOR	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Tree Methodists" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claims	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Entertainment General Conference
Wilkes-Barre District																
	A. G. Miller, District Elder															
Wilkes-Barre, Dorranceton, etc.	W. H. Leasing	35	10	47	2	..	..	14	45	9	20 25	8 10	11 25	6 75	4 50	1 35
Prospect Hill, Vose, etc.	O. C. Ketels	68	10	78	1	..	..	11	100	13	20 25	15 70	16 25	9 75	6 50	1 72
Trucksville, Orange, Dallas, etc.	J. T. Rider	60	11	71	3	..	..	18	66	10	23 55	10 62	14 75	8 85	5 00	1 77
Waverly, Scranton, Highland	W. H. Van Ness	28	1	29	1	1	1	10	50	6	13 05	5 22	7 25	4 35	2 00	87
East Lenox	Supplied	11	..	11	1	1	1	6	36	..	5 00	1 50	3 00	3 30	1 20	45
Glenwood, Rought, Titusville	L. Wright, supply	9	1	10	2	..	..	..	142	..	4 95	1 98	2 75	1 65	1 30	33
Beech Lake, Honesdale, etc.	R. C. Smith, supply	41	10	51	3	1	1	25	14	9	18 00	7 20	10 00	6 00	4 00	1 20
Simon, Ariel and Pink	G. W. Kopp	46	2	48	1	1	1	6	48	13	22 50	9 00	12 50	7 50	5 00	1 50
Windsor District																
	A. W. Myer, District Elder															
Windsor and East Windsor	D. M. Thomas, supply	32	1	33	1	1	1	4	20	5	18 00	7 20	10 00	6 00	4 00	..
Bainbridge, Unadilla, etc.	N. E. Bristol, supply	9	..	9	1	..	..	..	..	4	3 60	1 44	2 00	1 20	80	24
Uniondale	A. H. Smith, supply	4	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	2	1 30	3 60	1 00	60	40	12
Watson	L. H. Kelley, supply	24	..	24	3	..	..	..	..	..	13 63	5 66	9 25	3 00	2 00	60
Lake Canopus Valley, etc.	J. H. Kelley, supply	37	1	38	2	1	1	10	40	16	12 50	6 30	8 50	5 55	3 80	86
Walton and Carcus Brook	J. Wintsch	31	..	31	..	..	..	..	..	..	17 73	4 30	6 50	2 75	3 50	1 05
Ferndale, Briscoe, Berry Brook	C. E. Ferguson	37	1	38	2	1	1	13	40	16	12 50	6 30	8 50	5 55	3 80	86
Big Hollow, North Settlement	A. K. Lindsley, supply	28	1	29	1	1	1	15	23	5	11 70	4 68	6 50	3 19	1 14	78
Allaben, Pine Hill, Kingston	Supplied	24	3	27	..	..	..	5	23	..	11 70	4 68	6 50	3 19	1 14	78
Godefroy and Milford	Supplied	22	2	24	8	..	..	12	24	5	9 90	3 96	5 50	3 30	2 20	66
Total		1054	150	1204	45	16	43	279	1734	187	\$ 471 75	\$ 188 60	\$ 259 25	\$ 159 34	\$ 106 70	\$ 29 99

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NEW YORK CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Mission- ary Claim	Woman's For- eign Missionary Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
New York District															
Camp-meetings, etc.	\$		\$	\$ 4 60	\$ 5 00	\$	\$ 202 86	\$ 2 60	\$ 1158 29	\$	\$ 97 21		\$		\$
Brooklyn, Sixteenth Street			164 86			135 00		1 50	635 00		151 80		18000	1	6000
Brooklyn, Hooper Street											79 00		12000	1	
Roosevelt			62 33			13 38		1 36	58 07		5 54				
Newark and Orange			13 03			76 21		1 43	588 46		89 98		5434		
Dover and Amity					75			1 55	500 60		73 69		5000		
Phillipsburg									12 00						
Allentown		3 50	165 00	12 50	4 00	41 06		1 00	68 00		82 95				
New York			122 50			64 66		1 00	32 00		123 68		4000	1	2500
White Haven, Beaumont, etc.		2 25	8 50			17 97		2 60	316 40		83 01		1000		
Philadelphia District															
Camp-meetings, etc.							\$ 88 50	1 50	431 66	130 00	66 79	1	5500		
Philadelphia and Wilmington		2 50		2 50	2 00	56 36					50 00	1	2000	1	2000
Vineland		3 33	9 00			14 74	1 20	255 29		18 18	15 00	1	800		
Pleasant Hill and Havre de Grace		20 00	11 75		1 50	20 70	2 40	558 05		56 50	25 00	1	1200		
Alexandria and Washington				2 00	2 00	35 00	3 75	6 00		84 53	20 00	2	2300		
Rockville, Lay Hill, Spencerville				2 00	2 25	20 00	1 40	700 00		84 15	20 00	1	5500		
Baltimore			121 92	2 00	2 51	50 00	1 50	162 94		100 00		1			
Alesia, Fairmount, Arcadia, etc.		10 00								52 06		1			

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NEW YORK CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

WILKES-BARRE AND WINDSOR DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Mission- ary Claim	Woman's For- eign Missionary Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
Wilkes-Barre District															
Camp-meetings, etc.	80 00	2 25	460 21	.....	223 86	.....	.....	17000	1	4000
Wilkes-Barre, Dorrance, etc.	30 00	.....	.....	.....	25 00	3 25	405 69	.....	73 68	.....	.....	3800	1	400
Prospect Hill, Vese, etc.	50 00	.....	.....	.....	59 01	2 95	602 81	.....	123 03	.....	.....	3800	1	400
Trucksville, Orange, Dallas, etc.	136 02	.....	.....	59 01	2 95	602 81	.....	83 10	45 00	.....	3800	1	1500
Waverly, Scranton, Highland...	2 34	.....	42	.....	14 50	1 45	350 00	.....	54 23	.....	.....	3000	1	800
East Lenox	72	4 88	1 60	.....	.....	19 78	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Glenwood, Rought, Titusville...	34 51	55	3 90	.....	8 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Beech Lake, Honesdale, etc.	6 43	59 98	2 53	.....	20 00	2 00	458 58	.....	86 68	5 60	.....	1000	.....	.....
Simon, Ariel and Pink	53 49	.....	.....	4 07	20 00	2 50	490 65	.....	73 41	.....	.....	1800	1	500
Windsor District															
Camp-meetings, etc.	25 00	.....	329 09	.....	119 00	.....	.....	2000	1	800
Windsor and East Windsor	31 34	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	139 68	.....	61 99	.....	.....	2000	.....	.....
Bainbridge, Unadilla, etc.	1 00	15 52	.....	30 68	.....	.....	1800	.....	.....
Uniondale	25 80	.....	.....	1800	.....	.....
West Preston, Stevens' Point, etc.	5 00	.....	.....	.....	50 00	.....	404 75	.....	79 50	21 00	.....	1800	.....	.....
Lake Como, Pleasant Valley, etc.	1 00	.....	.....	.....	33 50	1 75	561 49	.....	59 07	.....	.....	1200	1	1300
Watson and Carous Brook	3 00	72 72	.....	1 30	.....	1 90	561 49	.....	62 68	12 00	.....	2500	1	1500
Vermont, Briscoe, Barton, etc.	23 00	3 00	7 27	11 00	.....	254 33	.....	53 68	.....	.....	1000	1	800
Pike and Northampton	3500	.....	53 30	.....	.....	1400	.....	.....
Allen, Pine Hill, Kingston	20 34	1 10	.....	.....	53 40	323 52	.....	1500	.....	.....
Godfrey and Milford
J. Carvnaugh, conf. missionary
Total	\$.....	\$227 18	\$ 1151 16	\$ 29 55	\$ 82 37	\$1227 47	\$47 91	\$ 1248 37	.....	\$2777 72	\$ 711 55	41	\$113234 13	13	\$ 26100

NEW YORK CONFERENCE RECORD

Session	Place		Time		President	Secretary
1	Brooklyn,	New York	September	3, 1874	B. T. Roberts	W. Gould
2	Philadelphia,	Pennsylvania	September	1, 1875	"	"
3	Windsor,	New York	September	27, 1876	E. P. Hart	"
4	Wilkes-Barre,	Pennsylvania	September	12, 1877	"	E. P. Sellew
5	Rahway,	New Jersey	September	4, 1878	B. T. Roberts	"
6	Philadelphia,	Pennsylvania	September	3, 1879	E. P. Hart	"
7	Brooklyn,	New York	September	8, 1880	B. T. Roberts	W. Gould
8	Dover,	New Jersey	September	6, 1881	E. P. Hart	"
9	Windsor,	New York	August,	30, 1882	B. T. Roberts	W. B. Rose
10	Uniondale,	Pennsylvania	August,	30, 1883	E. P. Hart	"
11	Philadelphia,	"	September	3, 1884	B. T. Roberts	"
12	South Canaan,	"	September	2, 1885	E. P. Hart	"
13	Brooklyn,	New York	August	11, 1886	B. T. Roberts	"
14	Wilkes-Barre,	Pennsylvania	March	9, 1887	"	"
15	Philadelphia,	"	March	7, 1888	"	"
16	Dover,	New Jersey	March	13, 1889	G. W. Coleman	"
17	Vineland,	New Jersey	August	6, 1890	B. T. Roberts	"
18	Bainbridge,	New York	September	9, 1891	E. P. Hart	"
19	South Canaan,	Pennsylvania	September	14, 1892	G. W. Coleman	J. T. Logan
20	Alexandria,	Virginia	October	11, 1893	W. T. Hogue	"
21	Dover,	New Jersey	September	19, 1894	E. P. Hart	"
22	Windsor,	New York	October	2, 1895	G. W. Coleman	"
23	South Canaan,	Pennsylvania	September	30, 1896	B. R. Jones	"
24	Philadelphia,	"	October	6, 1897	E. P. Hart	"
25	Wilkes-Barre,	"	October	5, 1898	G. W. Coleman	"
26	Allentown,	"	September	20, 1899	B. R. Jones	"
27	Meshoppen,	"	September	12, 1900	E. P. Hart	"
28	Alexandria,	Virginia	September	18, 1901	G. W. Coleman	"
29	Allentown,	Pennsylvania	September	24, 1902	W. A. Sellew	"
30	Wilkes-Barre,	"	September	16, 1903	B. R. Jones	"
31	South Canaan,	"	September	14, 1904	W. H. Clark	"
32	White Haven,	"	September	13, 1905	W. T. Hogue	"
33	Wilkes-Barre,	"	September	19, 1906	W. A. Sellew	"
34	Dover,	New Jersey	September	18, 1907	B. R. Jones	B. A. Scull
35	Allentown,	Pennsylvania	September	16, 1908	W. A. Sellew	"
36	White Haven,	"	September	22, 1909	William Pearce	"
37	South Canaan,	"	September	14, 1910	W. A. Sellew	"
38	Brooklyn,	New York	September	20, 1911	B. R. Jones	"
39	Trucksville,	Pennsylvania	September	18, 1912	William Pearce	C. A. Kress

MISSOURI CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirtieth Annual Session, held at Chillicothe, Missouri, October 2-6, 1912

OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President*
ALBERT E. SMITH, *Secretary* L. B. REBER, *Assistant Secretary*
L. F. AUTENRIETH, *Statistical Secretary and Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. T. Hogue, R. Medlock, W. S. Stephens.
On Sunday-schools—George W. Saunders, A. W. Nichoalds, Anna Springer.
On Publications—A. E. Smith, Walter Simmons, C. W. Lent.
On Reforms—L. F. Autenrieth, Charles Wickham, W. S. Stephens.
On Education—L. B. Reber, A. Downey, J. T. Gibson.
On Examining Quarterly Conference Records—George W. Saunders.
On the State of the Work—R. Medlock.
To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—Arthur Downey.
On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.
On Complimentary Resolutions—A. E. Smith, Wenona Abbott, J. H. Stephens.
On Charities—C. W. Lent, A. W. Nichoalds, J. T. Gibson.
On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.
On Claimants and Claims—W. T. Hogue, R. Medlock, A. E. Smith, W. S. Stephens, C. W. Lent.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—L. F. Autenrieth, *On Education*—A. E. Smith.
On Reforms—L. B. Reber, *On Sunday-schools*—G. W. Saunders.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

R. Medlock, president, three years; L. B. Reber, two years; A. E. Smith, secretary, one year.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

Charles Wickham, president; L. F. Autenrieth, secretary; Arthur Downey, treasurer; W. S. Stephens, C. W. Lent.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions and Church Extension; second quarter, Bishops' Salaries; third quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; fourth quarter, Permanent Fund and Home Missions.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Wenona Abbott, president, 108 Walnut street, Chillicothe, Missouri; Mrs. Mary E. Medlock, vice-president, Mercer, Missouri; Mrs. G. W. Saunders, treasurer, R. R. No. 4, Marcelline, Missouri; Mrs. Lilly Thornton, corresponding secretary, Mt. Moriah, Missouri; Mrs. Lemma Wickham, recording secretary, 821 Curt street, Chillicothe, Missouri.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

L. B. Reber,	Frank Smutz,	Albert E. Smith,
R. Medlock,	Charles Wickham,	A. Stokesberry,
O. T. Gregory,	J. R. Boles,	Arthur Downey,
W. A. Ellis.		

DELEGATES

C. W. Lent,	W. S. Stephens,	D. H. Johnson,
Anna Springer.	J. T. Gibson.	Winona Abbott,
Alberta Hampton,	J. H. Stephens,	Robert L. Smith.

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. T. Hogue, R. Medlock, W. S. Stephens.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Walter Simmons.
4. Who remain on trial? A. W. Nichoalds, G. W. Saunders, L. F. Autenrieth.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? A. Downey.
6. Who are the deacons? Frank Smutz, O. T. Gregory, W. H. Ellis, A. Downey.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.
8. Who have located this year? None.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? Frank Smutz, O. T. Gregory, G. W. Saunders, W. A. Ellis.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? L. B. Reber.
11. Who have been received by transfer? None.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? Chandos Smutz.
13. Who have been granted certificates of standing? None.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.
15. None.
- 16-20. See statistical report.
21. What amount is necessary for superannuated preachers? L. B. Reber, \$100.
- 22, 23. No business.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. When, and where, shall our next session of conference be held? On the Mt. Olive and Pollock circuit, as near the first Wednesday in September, 1913, as possible.

APPOINTMENTS

ST. JOSEPH DISTRICT—ROBERT MEDLOCK, District Elder, Mercer, Missouri

St. Joseph and Albany.....A. W. Nichoalds
 Rhineland and California.....W. S. Sansom, supply, Rhineland, Missouri
 High Prairie and Mound City.....J. R. Boles
 Ridgeway, Mt. Moriah and Sharon Chapel.....
Arthur Downey, Mount Moriah, Missouri
 Mercer and Mt. Vernon.....Mary Medlock, supply, Mercer, "
 Pollock and Mt. Olive.....Walter Simmons, Milan. "
 Frank Smutz, G. W. Saunders, O. T. Gregory, W. A. Ellis, supernumerary;
 Arthur Stokesberry, evangelist.

HANNIBAL DISTRICT—CHARLES WICKHAM, District Elder

Hannibal.....A. E. Smith, 304 S. Haden street, Hannibal, Missouri
 Luray and Pleasantview.....To be supplied
 Ashburn.....L. F. Autenrieth, Ashburn, Missouri
 Chillicothe and Osgood.....Charles Wickham, Lemma
Wickham, supply, S21 Curtis street, Chillicothe, "
 Honey FordTo be supplied
 L. B. Reber, superannuated.

MISCELLANEOUS

The thirtieth session of the Missouri annual conference was held at Chillicothe, Missouri, October 2-6, 1912, Bishop Wilson T. Hogue presiding. His twenty-minute talks, at the close of each sitting, and his sermons were a benediction and a blessing to us all. Sister Edith F. Jones, our returned missionary from China, was with us, and gave us an interesting and inspiring talk on the work in China, after which a collection for foreign missions was taken, amounting to \$141.23 in cash and subscriptions. Our hearts are greatly encouraged with the prospects of the future of the Missouri conference.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS

We think it unnecessary to repeat what has so often been said relative to the importance of Sunday-schools. We, therefore submit the following on modes and methods:

The system of education has been and is progressive. At first it was a system of one teaching one. Economy introduced a better—a class system, wherein one teaches many. This system has been adopted by the Sunday-school. The latter system has an advantage over the former in stimulating thought and ambition. The former has an advantage in holding attention. The Sunday-school teacher should use both methods as much as practicable, instructing both individually and collectively. The cold, dry, matter-of-fact teaching of former days should be replaced by life and light methods, for, "My words are spirit and they are life," saith the Lord.

It is expected of all our ministers that they preach with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven, and should not our Sunday-school teachers enjoy the same gracious help? "Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked with us by the way?" should be the impression left upon the mind of every pupil of the Sunday-school. The teaching bears fruitage only as it is accompanied by the spirit of life.

The application of the truth taught to present-day conditions is the only practical method. Issues of the past may not be the issues of the present. Name the sins you aim to condemn, name the virtues you mean to commend. The mind stupified by sin cannot grasp unless you particularize.

All dull, cold, phlegmatic conditions should be eliminated from the Sunday-school. One dull, dry, pessimistic teacher will breathe more lethargy into a school than two live ones can counteract. Let the motto be—light, life and spirit. Be aggressive; reach out; gather in; use means; sing, sing with life; sing with spirit. Use God-given magnetism. Doubtless some one among you has it. It is like dynamite. It will blow out the dullness. Let this spirit-magnet review the school; tell Bible stories; group the children for special song service. Where is your inventor? Doubtless you have one. Search him out. He is in your school, possibly lying dormant. Have him invent special methods of developing the minds of the children—methods adapted to conditions in your school. Use the children. Have them use their hands to educate the mind. Have them cut out of pasteboard such things as a yoke and put a verse on it with the word "yoke" in it; or an anchor with the word "anchor" in some verse of Scripture written thereon, or likewise a star, or a shield, etc. Use changes; do not play on the same old string. Think of something new. Remember the theme, Light and Life.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MISSOURI CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claims	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Entertainment General Conference
St. Joseph District	R. Medlock, District Elder															
	Osgood and Clearview.....	15	...	15	1	1	1	4	30	7	\$ 8 10	\$ 3 24	\$ 72	\$ 2 70	\$ 1 80	\$ 1 44
	Chillicothe	20	...	20	2	1	8	45	3	9 00	3 60	80	3 00	3 00	2 00	1 60
	St. Joseph	16	1	17	1	1	3	12	4	9 00	3 96	88	3 30	3 30	2 20	1 76
	Albany, High Prairie, etc.....	4	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	3 00	1 44	32	1 20	80	64
	Ridgeway, Mt. Moriah, etc.....	35	7	42	1	2	14	66	7	14 85	5 94	1 32	4 95	3 30	2 64	2 64
	Mercer, Scott Hill, Mt. Vernon.	19	...	19	1	1	4	25	7	9 00	3 60	80	3 00	2 00	1 60	1 60
	Pollock and Mt. Olive.....	32	2	34	1	1	5	20	5	12 15	4 86	1 08	4 05	2 70	2 16	2 16
	Walter Simmons, supply....															
Hannibal District	R. Medlock, District Elder															
	Clark County	15	1	16	...	1	5	25	2	5 40	2 16	48	1 50	1 50	1 20	96
	Hannibal	35	...	35	2	1	7	36	2	18 00	7 20	1 60	6 00	4 00	3 20	3 20
	Ashburn	30	4	34	1	2	8	50	4	14 40	5 76	1 28	4 80	3 20	2 56	2 56
	Rhineland, California, etc.....	41	3	44	1	2	10	40	6	15 75	6 30	1 40	5 25	3 50	2 80	2 80
	Charles Wickham															
Total.....		262	18	280	9	7	12	68	349	43	\$ 120 15	\$ 48 06	\$ 10 68	\$ 40 05	\$ 26 70	\$ 21 36

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MISSOURI CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Mission- ary Claim	Woman's For- eign Missionary Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
St. Joseph District															
Osgood and Clearview.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 17 32	\$ 90	\$ 178 62	\$ 60 00	19 40	\$ 6 30	1	\$ 1 000	1	\$ 500
Chillicothe	13 40	1 00	113 21	70 00	12 00	15 00	1	1000	1	600
St. Joseph	8 00	1 10	*50 00	.....	32 05	10 56	1	1200	.....	.....
Albany, High Prairie, etc.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	2200	2	800
Ridgway, Mt. Moriah, etc.....	35 00	1 05	287 75	72 00	60 50	50 50	1	2100	1	900
Mercer, Scott Hill, Mt. Vernon..	5 79	1 00	92 53	40 40	38 10	.....	1	800	1	400
Pelbeck and Mt. Olive.....	8 26	1 35	356 91	50 00	32 50	11 22	1	1000	1	600
Hannibal District															
Clark County	10 00	60	.....	.....	20 00	33 50	1	850	.....	.....
Hannibal	23 00	80	.....	33 48	2 00	353 55	96 00	52 82	33 40	1	1800	1	900
Aslburn	20 00	.....	.....	.....	50 00	1 60	35 00	.....	21 40	30 00	1	800	1	800
Rhineband, California, etc.....	17 00	.....	.....	.....	28 00	1 75	200 00	36 00	41 75	.....	1	600	1	400
Total.....	\$.....	\$ 37 00	\$ 23 00	\$ 80	\$.....	\$ 209 25	\$13 35	\$ 1747 57	\$ 424 40	\$ 330 52	\$ 190 48	14	\$ 13350	10	\$ 5900

*This amount was received from the General Missionary Board.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirty-fourth Annual Session, held at Tower Hill, Illinois, September 25-28, 1912

OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President*
J. A. WILLIAMS, *Secretary* J. C. SILLS, *Assistant Secretary*
A. J. SMITH, *Statistical Secretary*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—Wilson T. Hogue, W. H. Lawson, J. G. Yeck.
On Sabbath-schools—A. J. Smith, Jennie Springer, J. O. Hendrickson.
On Reforms—B. F. Grigg, T. A. Bailey, M. Smith.
On Education—E. G. Burritt, Bates Young, F. H. Ashcraft.
On Publications—J. LaDue, F. L. Hall, T. A. Dilbeck.
On State of the Work—F. L. Hall, B. F. Ray, W. H. Lawson.
To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—G. E. Kline.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—W. C. Kelley, G. W. Hood, H. L. Wakefield.
On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.
To Audit Treasurer's Accounts—Homer Tanner.
On Charities—J. L. Mayhew, R. C. Nowlin, N. A. Redding.
On Conference Claimants and Claims—Wilson T. Hogue, B. F. Ray, W. H. Lawson, Jacob Moyer, E. F. Barritt.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

B. F. Grigg, for five years; W. D. Cochran, for four years; W. C. Kelley, for three years; J. LaDue, secretary, for two years; F. L. Hall, president, for one year.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—F. H. Ashcraft, *On Reforms*—J. G. Yeck.
On Education—J. LaDue, *On Sabbath-schools*—C. J. Turnbow.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

B. F. Ray, president; Jacob Moyer, secretary; M. B. Young, treasurer; G. W. Hood, W. H. Lawson.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Home Missions, General Missions, General Conference Entertainment; second quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Foreign Missions; third quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund, Permanent Fund; fourth quarter, Church Extension, Educational Fund.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. Lillie E. Hood, Greenville, Illinois; first vice-president, Mrs. Mary Lawson, Cowden, Illinois; second vice-president, Mrs. Ella M. Smith, Decatur, Illinois; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Grace Williams, Belleville, Illinois; recording secretary, Mrs. Minnie Ashcraft, Greenville, Illinois; treasurer, Mrs. Carrie T. Burritt, Greenville, Illinois; superintendent of Junior work, Mrs. Amanda Garlock, Greenville, Illinois.

ADDRESSES

F. L. Hall, treasurer, Greenville, Illinois.

J. L. Mayhew, Sunday-school secretary, Colchester, Illinois.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

G. W. Hood,
F. H. Ashcraft,
A. J. Smith,
C. P. Ewing,
B. F. Ray,
J. Adams,
Homer Tanner,
J. D. Reynolds,
F. L. Hall,
C. J. Turnbow,
A. C. Damon,
W. T. Klotzbach,
D. R. Taylor,
T. A. Bailey,
T. H. Eaton,

R. W. Sanderson,
S. E. Cooper,
R. C. Nowlin,
W. C. Kelley,
M. H. Shepard,
E. R. Banning,
E. P. Boyd,
S. K. Wheatlake,
J. N. VanNattan,
J. G. Yeck,
W. H. Lawson,
X. Atchison,
R. Trever,
G. E. Kline,
J. O. Hendrickson,

J. F. Deremiah,
B. F. Grigg,
J. C. Sills,
C. W. Shay,
J. LaDue,
D. W. Sala,
G. W. Garlock,
J. A. Williams,
W. D. Cochran,
D. Kimbro,
S. D. Barritt,
E. G. Burritt,
Guy Kyle,
W. J. Henninger,
J. L. Mayhew.

DELEGATES

M. Smith,
C. Douglas,
Maggie Logue,
Jacob Moyer,
N. A. Redding,
Samuel White,
Frank Edwards,
Allen Parker,
J. L. Neisler,
O. H. Sandy,

Simon Huffer,
Emma Martin,
Jennie Springer,
J. W. Hall,
Eliza Covington,
E. F. Barritt,
D. A. Sherman,
Jesse Millard,
O. P. Smith,
Belle St. John,

M. B. Young,
T. A. Dilbeck,
D. E. Cochran,
Oscar Demunbrun,
Gertie Cruthis,
H. L. Wakefield,
Clyde Penwell,
J. W. Williford,
Orpha Crum,
J. C. Bailey.

2. Who are the stationing committee? Wilson T. Hogue, W. H. Lawson, B. F. Ray, F. L. Hall, Samuel White, Jacob Moyer, E. F. Barritt.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? J. D. Lockard, C. H. Coates.

4. Who remain on trial? Charles Young, H. K. Biddulph, Bersha Green, E. F. Hicks.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? J. O. Hendrickson, J. L. Mayhew, T. H. Eaton.

6. Who are the deacons? J. O. Hendrickson, J. L. Mayhew, T. H. Eaton, T. A. Bailey, Guy Kyle, W. J. Henninger, G. E. Kline.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? E. P. Boyd, W. T. Klotzbach.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? D. Kimbro, A. C. Damon, E. R. Banning, E. F. Hicks, C. W. Young.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? R. Trever, G. W. Hood, J. Adams, X. Atchison, M. H. Shepard, D. W. Sala.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? G. W. Garlock, from the Genesee conference; Homer Tanner, from the Minnesota and Northern Iowa conference; X. Atchison, from the Southern California conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? R. J. Mitchell, W. T. Graham.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? C. A. Stoll, F. E. Bennett, H. S. Stewart.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.
15. Who have died this year? None.
- 16-20. See statistical report.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? J. Adams, \$100; G. W. Hood, \$140; R. Trever, \$130; M. H. Shepard, \$130; D. W. Sala, \$150; X. Atchison, \$50; Lulu Lude, \$30; three children of M. E. Lude, each \$25.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where, and when, shall the next conference be held? At Greenville, Illinois, commencing the first Wednesday in September, 1913.

MISCELLANEOUS

The thirty-fourth annual session of the Central Illinois conference was held at Tower Hill, Illinois, September 25-28, 1912. Bishop Wilson T. Hogue presided with marked ability. His addresses and sermon on Sunday morning were a source of much instruction and inspiration to all.

There were three district elders elected: W. H. Lawson, W. D. Cochran, F. L. Hall.

On Saturday evening, Edith F. Jones, returned missionary from China, gave an interesting address on manners and customs in China, at the close of which an offering of \$269.95 was taken in cash and subscriptions. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society raised \$1,160.53 during the year.

The pastor, J. G. Yeck, and the local society, were abundant in labors, providing well for all, both members of the conference and visitors.

APPOINTMENTS

GREENVILLE DISTRICT—W. D. COCHRAN, District Elder, Greenville, Illinois

Greenville	H. Montgomery, supply, Greenville, Illinois
Zion, Union Grove and Sorento.....	E. P. Boyd, Greenville, “
Coffeen	B. F. Grigg, Coffeen, “
Keyesport, Dudleyville and Oak Grove.....	T. H. Eaton, Greenville, “
Belleville and Dutch Hollow.....	J. A. Williams, 807 East First street, Belleville, “
Litchfield	R. W. Sanderson, Litchfield, “
Hettick	Mrs. Nellie Everett, supply, Hettick, “
Bingham and Halford Chapel.....	Guy Kyle, Bingham, “
St. Louis....	Burton Y. Neal, supply, 3401a Morgan street, St. Louis, Missouri
Hillsboro and Irving	B. F. Ray, Hillsboro, Illinois
East Prairie	To be supplied
Koonce Chapel and Smithboro.....	To be supplied
Alton.....	W. C. Kelley, Mrs. Etta Kelley, supply, Upper Alton, Illinois

R. Trever, Greenville, Illinois; G. W. Hood, Greenville, Illinois; J. Adams, Greenville, Illinois; X. Atchison, superannuated; D. Kimbro, Basin, Wyoming; A. C. Damon, Gettysburg, South Dakota; E. R. Banning, Bloomington, Illinois; E. F. Hicks, supernumerary; F. H. Ashcraft, Greenville, Illinois; W. T. Klotzbach, St. Louis, Missouri, evangelists; E. G. Burritt, president of Greenville College, Greenville, Illinois; J. LaDue, C. W. Shay, professors in Greenville College, Greenville, Illinois; G. W. Garlock, preceptor in Greenville College, Greenville, Illinois; S. E. Cooper, missionary in Japan, 1921 Hidein Cho, Tennoji, Osaka, Japan; S. K. Wheatlake, general conference evangelist, Urbana, Illinois; H. K. Biddulph, acting principal at Los Angeles Free Methodist Seminary.

COWDEN DISTRICT—W. H. LAWSON, District Elder, Cowden, Illinois

Cowden	C. J. Turnbow, Cowden, Illinois
Shelbyville and Bethany.....	Jesse Price, supply, Lakewood, "
LaCleda and St. James.....	J. O. Hendrickson, LaCleda, "
Tower Hill, Lakewood and Cold Spring.....	J. G. Yeck, Tower Hill, "
Bethany	Bersha Green, Bethany, "
Lovington	Ada Taylor, supply, Lovington, "
Pana, Roberts Chapel and Ohlman.....	R. C. Nowlin, Pana, "
Mt. Vernon and Home.....	To be supplied
Taylorville and Frailey's Chapel.....	J. D. Lockard, Taylorville, Illinois
Vandalia.....	Charles Fike, Mrs. Charles Fike, supplies, Greenville, "
Stewardson and Sylvan.....	C. H. Coates, Stewardson, "
Decatur	A. J. Smith, Decatur, "
Bethel and Overcup.....	To be supplied

J. D. Reynolds, evangelist, West Palm Beach, Florida; J. F. Deremiah, left without appointment. (See paragraph 96 of the Discipline).

IPAVAL DISTRICT—F. L. HALL, District Elder, Greenville, Illinois

Ipava	Homer Tanner, Ipava, Illinois
Vermont, Ray, Bethany and Christian Neck.....	T. A. Bailey, Vermont, "
Lewistown, Freds and Dunfermline.....	S. D. Barritt, Lewistown, "
Macomb, Colchester and Eagle Schoolhouse.....	J. L. Mayhew, Colchester, "
Bluffs, Naples and Valley City.....	To be supplied
Durham, Lomax and Webster.....	W. J. Henninger, LaHarpe, Illinois
Antioch, Fairfield and Corinth.....	G. E. Kline, Rushville, "

F. L. Hall, member of Ipava district quarterly conference; C. W. Young, supernumerary; J. N. VanNattan, Macomb, Illinois; C. P. Ewing, Vermont, Illinois, evangelists; M. H. Shepard, Monmouth, Illinois; D. W. Sala, Macomb, Illinois, superannuated.

MASON CITY DISTRICT—F. L. HALL, District Elder

Mason City and Hopedale.....	To be supplied
Clinton	J. C. Sills, Clinton, Illinois
Forest City and Athens.....	To be supplied
Bloomington Mission	D. R. Taylor, Bloomington, Illinois

LOCAL ELDERS

I. W. Maxey.....	Decatur, Illinois	Samuel Fowler.....	Cowden, Illinois
O. P. Smith.....	Mt. Vernon, "	E. T. Ellis.....	Greenville, "

LOCAL DEACONS

John Martin.....	Raymond, Illinois	P. A. Rudolph.....	Keyesport, Illinois
John Beese	Belleville, "	W. P. Cook.....	Greenville, "
Washington Smith.....	Irving, "	E. F. Barritt.....	Colchester, "
M. W. McCarty.....	Decatur, "	T. A. Smith.....	Hopedale, "

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Lily E. Hood.....	Greenville, Illinois	Maggie Stevens	Greenville, Illinois
Etta Kelley	Upper Alton, "	Ella Pratt	Hettick, "
Rosa Sala	Macomb, "	Minnie Ashcraft	Greenville, "
Addie Ashcraft	Greenville, "	Ella Smith	Decatur, "
Mary Lawson	Cowden, "	Emma F. Shay ...	Greenville, "
Marguerite Barnes, Denver, Colorado			

LOCAL PREACHERS—UNORDAINED

John Hull	Macomb, Illinois	Allen Parker	Bluffs, Illinois
H. C. Sweigard.....	Macomb, "	M. C. Saunders...	Mason City, "
Jacob Moyer	Greenville, "	C. H. Starkey.....	Belleville, "
M. B. Byrd	Belleville, "	Paul Nelson	Greenville, "
William Frost	Sorento, "	Jesse Marston	Greenville, "
John Livsey	Greenville, "	Charles Savage	Coffeen, "
O. H. Sandy	Johnsonville, "	Otis Pope	Vandalia, "
William Fristoe ..	St. Louis, Missouri	Frank Boling	Pana, "
W. A. Fish.....	Greenville, Illinois	J. Mellinger	Greenville, "
Thomas Glover	Belleville, "	C. L. Munns.....	Greenville, "
M. W. Sides.....	Greenville, "	F. Dothager ..	Mulberry Grove, "
Clarence Marston,	Greenville, "	J. B. Fink.....	Greenville, "
Clyde Penwell	Vandalia, "	Harry Wardell ...	Taylorville, "
W. M. Stine.....	St. James, "	C. C. Johnson....	Mt. Vernon, "
E. U. Young.....	Shelbyville, "	Jesse Price	Lakewood, "

DEACONESS

Marguerite Barnes, Denver, Colorado

LOCAL EVANGELISTS

Amanda Roland....	St. Louis, Missouri	George Russell ...	St. Louis, Missouri
Alma Kruse	Greenville, Illinois	Maude Reiter	St. Louis, "
S. D. Young	Sorento, "	Florence Humphrey,	Nokomis, Illinois
Sallie Mahara	Vermont, "	Ella Mason	Plymouth, "
Amanda Hart	Lakewood, "	Mamie Gardner	Hettick, "
Dita Lyerla	Coffeen, "	Ada Taylor	Lovington, "
Alice Goodwin	Nokomis, "	Ada Prater	Bingham, "
Nellie Everett	Hettick, "	Ethel Howard.	

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$263.70.
 CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—Assessed and paid, \$791.10.
 BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed and paid, \$316.44.
 CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed and paid, \$175.80.
 PERMANENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$87.90.
 GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—\$70.32.
 CHILDREN'S FUND—\$75.
 CONFERENCE MISSIONS—\$175.80.
 CONFERENCE CITY FUND—\$274.50.
 ROBERTS MONUMENT FUND—\$21.00.
 RAISED FOR PUBLISHING MINUTES—\$37.65.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON STATE OF THE WORK

The Central Illinois Conference was organized in the year 1879 by Bishop B. T. Roberts, with a membership of five preachers, two elders and two deacons, and about two hundred lay members. These noble men and women took upon them the burden incident to the work of those days, and went forth to the harvest, to reap for the Lord. They increased their numbers and spread over territory, until it became necessary to divide the work, and the Wabash conference was organized. With the spirit of evangelism still among them, they

still went forth and invaded the south, the result, after a few years, being the organization of the Kentucky and Tennessee conference. We trust they shall bring many from the east and the south to sit down in the kingdom of God.

Our conference, at the present, numbers forty-five preachers, and has a membership of over one thousand seven hundred. Looking, as we do, at the field, we see much yet to be done. We would ask you to join us in prayer to our Heavenly Father that He will send others into the doors and fields now open.

In the past year three very successful district camp-meetings have been held, beside, a number of tabernacle meetings have been held on the different districts. In most places a spirit of harmony prevails among our laymen, and the preachers can join very heartily in singing, "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love."

There have been two new parsonages erected and some churches cleared of debt.

We would urge the conference evangelists to labor within the bounds of the conference, as much as possible, in raising up new work.

We ask you to join us in going forth to make this the best year of our history.

II.—ON CHARITIES

The spirit of Christ and the Christian religion is that of charity, but not the kind that stays in our own circle, but the kind that reaches out to the unfortunate ones. As the "All wise" has so graciously made provisions for man's spiritual need here and hereafter, so He has interested Himself in making preparation for man's temporal necessities. "He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herbs for the service of man that he may bring forth food out of the earth." Such is the emphasis that the Bible places upon the faithfulness of God in caring for His children. "The rain falls on the just and the unjust alike," so all are partakers of his bounties. Our Savior has most truthfully said, "For the poor ye have always with you," whose presence is ever a blessing, as it keeps continually before us our duty toward them, and so quite early in the history of our church, God put it into the hearts of some godly men to make provision for the unfortunate, in providing homes for them. Of such institutions we have four, two at Gerry, New York, and two at Woodstock, Illinois. In these homes the aged and the infirm are granted religious privileges which afford comfort and happiness for them.

The homes for children are superintended and managed on strictly religious principles. These worthy institutions stand high and prominently before us, ever soliciting our sympathy and causing us to remember the divine injunction, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." It is an old saying that "charity begins at home," and fraternal orders tell us that "they do in action what we do in words," but since witnessing the hearty response to the appeal made for our most worthy brother, Professor J. LaDue and his family in their recent afflictions, it is clearly shown that we act as well as speak.

We would further recommend that our people give yearly to these charitable institutions which are so worthy of our support, and also encourage the representative agents of these institutions to come on our circuits and charges and solicit funds to this end.

III.—ON PUBLICATIONS

The power of the press continues to increase in geometrical ratio. The enlargement of its sphere since the days of Faust, Gutenberg and Luther is almost inconceivable. What it may become, imagination cannot paint.

Secularism, error and vice use this engine with great skill and most intense earnestness. In this respect, as well as in some others, the children of this age are for their own generation wiser than the children of light. The land is sown broadcast with the publications of Mormonism, Russelism, Adventism and cultured skepticism. The enemy is seeding the whole round world with tares, while too largely the church is asleep.

Each minister and each layman should be a committee of one to obtain, read, and disseminate the very best literature, to the utmost extent possible. Let each one of us give intelligent, sympathetic, constant and liberal attention to our children in this matter. If we do not look after their reading, the world and the devil will, and will do it all to effectually. Consult with your children, suggest to them, and provide for them, prayerfully, wisely and abundantly. It will bring richer returns than the corn for your hogs and the clover for your cows. The right kind of literature in the home and in the Sunday-school has been a mighty factor in giving to the church many of its holiest lay members, ablest ministers and most fruitful missionaries.

See that each Sunday-school has a library of at least a few worthy books, and use all diligence to regularly maintain and increase the number. In some places a church circulating library is a useful plan. It has been tried with excellent results. Take a public collection, purchase suitable books, and keep them in constant circulation. With the proper books, the effect on a society or a circuit will be marked.

We rejoice over the high type of our Sunday-school publications, and over their increasing circulation. Push the circulation of the *Free Methodist*. By every means possible, seek to put it into every Free Methodist home, and look for opportunities to introduce it elsewhere. This should be a constant care of each preacher. Keep track of renewals, and take all the trial subscriptions you can. Such work bears rich fruitage to the cause of God.

Patronize the publishing house. It is one of the chief bulwarks of our existence, and a powerful engine for good in the world-wide war between truth and error. Help it in its great and good work.

Wesley has been called the father of the publication of good, low-priced books. He was a tireless reader, producer, and circulator of good publications. Let us every one, according to our measure, means and opportunity, imitate him in this extremely important feature of his manifold, marvelous and blessedly fruitful activities.

IV.—ON EDUCATION

All who are familiar with educational matters are aware of the great changes that have been made in recent years in the aims, the course of study and the methods of the schools. Some experts declare in favor of scientific education, and there spring up as if by magic vast laboratories equipped with every known facility. Others set forth the importance of vocational training, and all our educational machinery is forthwith altered in favor of manual training and domestic art. Still others expatiate loudly on training for citizenship, or social efficiency or ethical culture. Private benefactions in large measure are given to the support of educational fad; and the vast resources of the state are drawn upon without stint to promote some scholastic fancy.

In the midst of all this ferment and change in aim and method, it is necessary for us to remind ourselves of that simple, fundamental, proposition, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and to depart from evil that is understanding." All the progress that has ever been made is due to a recognition of this great educational principle, and the working out of this principle into educational method and faithful practise.

As a church, we subscribe to this old-fashioned, but largely forgotten doctrine of learning. We think we discover a great need of a new recognition of its importance in the educational councils and seats of learning. We believe that the awful blight of skepticism and loose and lewd philosophy, the mad and maddening race for position and honor, social and political, the frightful increase of crime in places high and low, are directly traceable to a neglect of God in our schools. Not science or literature, or art, or culture, is the source of individual and national strength and prosperity, but a correct idea of God and a proper recognition of our relation to Him which becomes effectual in heart and life. Our youth must come to know God through Jesus Christ, and

find in a love for Him and a devotion to His will the motive force unto a well-ordered, successful, and happy life.

As a conference we see the increasing necessity of giving our loyal and undivided support to this type of education. When so many schools and colleges include in their curricula much that is unsafe and unsuited, when liberal thought and careless conduct are so prevalent, when frenzied athletics and an intoxicating social life dominate so many institutions, when even within the bounds of our own conference, Tom Paine's *Age of Reason* is forced upon the young people of high school age as a part of the prescribed work, it is no time for us to be less pronounced in our convictions or less aggressive to provide that which is safe and sound.

The Central Illinois conference has ever had an active and practical interest in Christian education, and to this conference credit must be given for giving to the Free Methodist church the first institution of higher learning. We note with special pleasure the success which has attended the work of Greenville College in the past, and the excellent prospects with which it has entered the third decade of its history. It is fitting at this time to bear in grateful remembrance the godly, far-sighted and consecrated men who inaugurated the movement and pioneered the work twenty years ago. And as we consider what has been accomplished, the young men and the young women who have gone from its halls to lives of service and sacrifice for God and his church, up and down this land in pulpits and in teachers' chairs, and to missionary labors in lands across the seas, we are constrained to say, "What hath God wrought?" And we would hereby gladly acknowledge the conspicuous part performed in the launching and promotion of this great enterprise by our presiding bishop, who for more than half of its history served the institution ably as its president. And we pray God abundantly to bless and reward him for his services and labor in behalf of Greenville College and for what she stands, and may the consciousness of good accomplished in his relation to Christian education, good both actual and potential, be the source of some of the deepest satisfaction of his life.

We are glad to note the present success which is attending the work of the school, its capable faculty, the strong student body, the evidence of growth and divine favor. We commend the college to the patronage and support of all our people.

V.—ON REFORMS

Reform means to improve. It may apply to conduct, to morality and religion. It implies that conditions are of such a nature that reformation is essential to the welfare of the community, morally, socially, and politically.

Reformation then, in a moral sense, certainly implies the necessity of better religious standards and conditions than at present prevail. Then if a correct moral standard is desirable and necessary, where shall we find an infallible rule as a guide to such lofty achievement? In answering this question we would say in the language of a queen of England to an African prince who interrogated the queen as to what was the secret of England's success, when she answered, "The Bible, your honor, the Bible." The Bible then is the rule and the only safe rule of our faith and practise. But if the Bible is such an important factor in molding correct moral sentiment, should not the holy book be more extensively diffused, more prayerfully read, more conscientiously studied, and lived?

If then the Bible be an inspired volume, we are certainly safe in regarding its careful perusal a necessity, and if the Bible is a copy of the divine mind, a transcript of the divine purity, we should jealously guard its place in the home, in the church, and in the nation, as we have witnessed the baneful effects of eliminating it from either of the above-named precincts. Therefore we strongly protest against the enactment of all laws that would deprive the youth of our land of the essential benefits that must necessarily accrue from the diffusion of scriptural knowledge.

SOCIAL REFORMATION—In respect to social conditions there is certainly need of and room for improvement. The youth of our fair land are being swept into the whirl-pool of social unrest, and social corruption, until our apprehensions are greatly aroused, and we fear that unless the brakes are set and a halt is called, social degradation is destined to grow worse and worse. In suggesting a remedy for such conditions as are here mentioned, let there be more rigid discipline exercised in the home, and yet let the home be made as interesting, attractive and cheerful, as circumstances will permit, and in addition to the above suggestions let us restrain our children from attendance at corrupt social functions, from going to the railway station to witness the arrival of incoming trains. Let us discourage, both by precept and example, that mode of dress which so plainly characterizes this fastidious age, and which subjects them to such gross insults from the baser sort, and which mode of dress, to say the least, is often considered suggestive.

THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC—We are more and more impressed with the enormity of evils resulting directly from the existence of this nefarious business, and in the language of another, declare that it cannot be legalized without sin. It demoralizes and ruins all who tamper with it. It is a blight and a curse, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. Let us then, by voice and by ballot, do what we can to abolish the evil from this land of the free and home of the brave.

SECRET SOCIETIES—We are thoroughly convinced that the position taken by our church more than fifty years ago, regarding oath-bound secret societies, is scripturally tenable. Believing, as we do, that God raised us up to spread scriptural holiness over these lands, and knowing as we do, the opposition of secret, oath-bound societies to our church and to the doctrine of holiness, and as guile and guile can have no affinity, we believe that we should stoutly maintain our position on the question of secret societies.

SABBATH DESECRATION—It will not be denied by any observing mind that Sabbath observance is being less and less regarded, and that unless something is done to correct the present tendencies, we fear that our present day of rest and worship will cease to be held in reverence. We would instance only a few of the many evils of Sabbath desecration, viz.: Sunday visiting, reading the Sunday newspaper, pleasure seeking, ball games with the attendant evils of such recreations, all of which create disregard for Sabbath observance, and tend to make the commandment of no force. Therefore, let us walk by the rule of scripture regarding these things, and thereby good shall come unto us. Amen.

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Greenville District																														
Greenville	B. F. Ray, District Elder	230	17	247	6	9	1	41	295	65	\$113.85	\$45.54	\$25.30	\$37.95	\$25.30	\$10.12														
Zion, Union Grove, Sorento	W. D. Cochran	102	12	114	3	1	1	25	130	22	41.23	18.90	10.50	13.15	10.50	4.20														
Coffeen	E. F. Roy	58	4	62	1	1	1	25	100	26	26.53	10.88	6.90	8.82	6.90	2.36														
Bingham and Halford Chapel	R. F. Baileg	63	12	75	8	1	1	15	100	13	31.50	11.34	6.30	9.45	6.30	2.36														
Brilshon and Irving	T. W. Garlick, supply	43	5	48	1	1	1	10	43	5	22.50	9.00	5.00	7.50	5.00	1.60														
St. Louis	R. W. Sanderson	43	5	48	1	1	1	10	43	5	22.50	9.00	5.00	7.50	5.00	1.60														
Alton	X. Archison, supply	30	10	40	3	1	1	57	28	3	18.09	7.24	4.02	6.03	4.02	1.00														
Belleville and Dutch Hollow	E. F. Hicks	30	8	38	4	1	1	10	45	1	13.50	5.40	3.30	4.80	3.30	1.32														
Dudleville, Smithboro, Keyesport	John Beese, supply	62	3	65	1	1	1	19	60	4	14.25	5.94	3.30	4.95	3.30	1.32														
Hettick	J. L. Mayhew	15	4	19	2	3	1	4	40	6	5.40	2.16	1.20	1.80	1.20	48														
Oak Grove and Koonce Chapel	Nellie Everett, supply	26	1	27	2	1	1	7	60	1	13.50	5.40	3.30	4.70	3.30	1.32														
East Prairie	F. L. Dothager, supply	4	1	5	1	1	1	1	35	1	5.40	2.16	1.23	1.80	1.23	48														
	Ada Prater, supply	4	1	5	1	1	1	1	35	1	5.40	2.16	1.23	1.80	1.23	48														
Cowden District																														
Cowden	W. H. Lawson, District Elder	104	8	112	1	1	1	22	225	13	48.15	19.26	10.70	16.05	10.70	4.28														
LaClede and St. James	C. J. Turnbow	99	8	107	2	1	1	21	120	16	44.45	19.99	11.82	14.85	9.99	4.98														
Tower Hill, Lakewood, etc.	J. A. Williams	78	1	79	1	1	1	16	100	10	34.65	13.86	9.99	14.70	8.85	3.05														
Pana, Robert's Chapel, etc.	J. G. Yeck	45	1	46	1	1	1	2	100	7	26.55	10.62	5.90	8.85	5.90	2.36														
Bethany	R. C. Nowlin	14	1	15	1	1	1	4	15	4	4.95	1.78	1.10	1.65	1.10	64														
Stewardson and Sylvan	J. O. Hendrickson	24	3	27	1	1	1	5	22	5	7.72	2.88	1.60	2.40	1.60	64														
Shelbyville and Bethany	Ada Taylor, supply	36	6	42	1	1	1	12	56	7	13.50	5.40	3.30	4.70	3.30	1.32														
Overcup and Bethel	Guv Kyle	18	1	19	1	1	1	6	30	2	7.65	3.06	1.70	2.55	1.70	68														
Maundala	J. D. Lockard, supply	10	1	11	1	1	1	5	25	1	5.30	2.12	1.20	1.70	1.20	48														
Mt. Vernon	W. H. Lawson	10	1	11	1	1	1	5	25	1	5.30	2.12	1.20	1.70	1.20	48														
Hone	T. H. Green	29	1	30	1	1	1	8	30	1	14.50	5.58	3.20	4.80	3.20	1.32														
Decatur	Baysha Coates, supply	6	1	7	1	1	1	7	65	3	2.70	1.08	65	90	60	2.24														
	A. J. Smith	50	2	52	1	1	1	10	60	16	22.50	9.00	5.00	7.50	5.00	2.00														
Ipava District																														
Ipava	F. L. Hall, District Elder	29	2	31	1	1	1	4	30	6	8.10	3.24	1.80	2.70	1.80	72														
Antioch, Corinth and Fairfield	W. C. Kelley	22	4	26	1	1	1	4	120	16	42.40	12.56	7.20	10.80	7.20	2.88														
Macomb, Colchester and Engle	G. E. Kline	80	6	86	3	1	1	20	125	16	45.00	18.40	10.00	15.00	10.00	4.00														
Newtown, Ruffs and Bethany	C. P. Bailett	40	2	42	1	1	1	8	70	12	18.35	7.44	4.30	6.45	4.30	1.72														
Buffs, Naples Valley City	R. J. Bowling	29	2	31	1	1	1	4	10	3	13.50	5.40	3.30	4.50	3.30	1.32														
Durham and Iomax	W. J. Henninger	20	2	22	1	1	1	3	60	5	8.55	3.42	1.90	2.85	1.90	70														
Mason City, Athens, Forest City	M. C. Saunders, supply	26	5	31	1	1	1	6	12	3	9.45	3.78	2.10	3.15	2.10	84														
Clinton	D. R. Taylor	26	5	31	1	1	1	6	12	3	9.45	3.78	2.10	3.15	2.10	84														
Total		1690	138	1828	48	19	57	405	2489	287	\$ 777.91	\$308.42	\$153.97	\$303.08	\$141.40	\$ 61.48														

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Greenville District															
Greenville	\$	5 00	\$		\$ 3 36	\$ 161 26	\$12 85	\$	\$ 100 00	\$ 147 61	\$ 169 54	1	\$ 4000	1	\$ 2000
Zion, Union Grove, Sorento.			22 85			87 15	5 25	848 00	60 00	65 27	140 77	3	3000	1	600
Coften						86 64	3 05	463 14		62 38		1	3000	1	1000
Bingham and Halford Chapel.			117 50			40 53	2 95	425 00	48 00	62 81	141 61	2	1800	1	500
Smithboro and Irving.			43 62			95 00		525 38	180 00	72 00		2	2000	1	2000
Wilder			21 00			36 06	2 60	456 56	84 00	64 67	10 00	1	1800	1	700
St. Louis	1 45					44 08	2 00	377 50		42 70		1	3500	1	800
Alton							1 65	350 00	60 00	38 37		1	3000	1	1000
Belleville and Dutch Hollow					4 15		1 85	60 00		60 00	38 00	2	3000	1	1000
Dudleville, Smithboro, Keyesport			10 00			20 00	3 10	340 00	60 00	40 85		1	2500	1	600
Hettick			5 00			18 20	1 60	225 00	72 00	37 40	37 50	1	1000	1	1000
Oak Grove and Koonce Chapel.						23 00	1 80	56 10		28 30	20 00	2	1800	1	1000
East Prairie						20 00	0 60	100 00		12 85	27 00				
Cowden District															
Cowden			39 15			76 11	5 95	500 00	60 00	100 00	6 00	1	800	1	800
LaClete and St. James			27 68			53 65	4 95	532 41	50 00	100 00	78 72	1	1000	1	1000
Tower Hill, Lakewood, etc.	25 66					48 01		576 60	80 00	187 37	6 28	1	3000	1	1000
Pana, Robert's Chapel, etc.			12 33			52 50	2 95	484 33	24 00	78 00	5 00	3	3500	1	2000
Bethany			15 00			21 00	55 00	276 00	21 00	34 00	14 78	1	1200	1	1000
Lovington	1 00				75	15 76	80 00	400 00	96 00	59 50	11 50	1	1000	1	1000
Stewardson and Sylvan.						24 34	1 85	314 00		51 03	47 32	2	1500	1	1000
Taylorville and Bethany.	3 46							205 71		44 32	10 00	2	2000	1	1000
Shelbyville and Bethany.								50 00		23 00	19 00	1	800	1	600
Oreкуп and Bethel.	10 00					15 95	1 72	295 09	72 00	52 90	46 00	1	1000	1	1200
Vandalia			10 00			20 00	1 65	300 00	21 00	40 00		1	1700	1	1000
Mt. Vernon			8 00		18			176 00		27 05		1	600	1	600
Home	5 00					42 92	2 50	614 00		68 00	16 00	1	3000	1	1000
Decatur															
Ipava District															
Ipava	3 54		26 00			21 78	90	400 00	72 00	60 10	8 00	1	1200	1	1000
Antioch, Corinth and Fairfield.			53 12			70 00	3 80	498 37		117 63		3	2500	1	1400
Macomb, Colchester and Eagle.			62			50 94	3 22	487 92	40 00	96 87	172 00	2	4000	1	500
Lewistown, Freds, etc.						35 54	2 15	400 50		73 45		3	2000	1	1000
Vermont, Ray and Bethany	21 50					22 80	1 71	411 60	72 00	77 68	10 00	3	4000	1	800
Burris, Naples, Valley City.	3 00					10 00	1 60	169 50	96 00	48 25	12 35	2	2500	1	1200
Burman and Ioniax	10 00					10 00	0 85	387 80		98 00	109 42	3	3800	2	1500
Marian City, Athens, Forest City.						11 00	1 25	387 80	62 00	1 80	27 00	3	3600	1	1500
Clinton			7 50			22 84	1 25	401 11	96 00	52 00	7 00	2	1500	1	1000
Total.	\$ 89 61	\$ 500 81	\$	\$ 8 44	\$ 1307 57	\$76 81	\$12693 87	\$1546 00	\$2293 40	\$1233 92	\$ 7580 26	63	\$ 7580 26	26	\$ 27300

SOUTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirtieth Annual Session, held at Vienna, South Dakota, October 2-5, 1912

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President*
H. L. TORSEY, *Secretary* J. W. WHITESIDE, *Assistant Secretary*
ROSCOE ASHCRAFT, *Treasurer* J. W. WHITESIDE, *Sunday-school Secretary*

COMMITTEES

On Nominations—J. H. Wilson, W. D. McMullen, A. P. Matson.
On Public Worship—W. A. Sellew, C. A. Evans, J. H. Wilson, W. D. McMullen.
On Publications—W. D. McMullen, J. W. Whiteside, H. R. Gilliland.
On Reforms—J. H. Wilson, D. B. Waller, John Duncan.
On Sunday-schools—W. A. Harden, G. W. Griffith, H. L. Torsey.
On Education—G. W. Griffith, J. W. Whiteside, Levi Patton.
On State of the Work—W. D. McMullen, J. H. Wilson.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—B. I. Hubbard, Roscoe Ashcraft.
To Publish the Minutes—H. L. Torsey.
To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—R. O'Connor.
On Resolutions—C. A. Evans, B. I. Hubbard, Herbert S. Ashcraft.
On Charities—W. D. McMullen, Mrs. Lina Schoff, Mrs. Guy Siddens.
To Visit Wessington Springs Seminary—W. A. Harden.
To Audit the Treasurer's Books—J. H. Wilson.
On Conference Claimants and Claims—Walter A. Sellew, J. H. Wilson, W. D. McMullen, A. P. Matson, Levi Patton.
On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.
On Aggressive Evangelism—W. D. McMullen, J. H. Wilson, Levi Patton.
On Ministerial Relations—J. H. Wilson, H. L. Torsey, A. P. Matson, W. D. McMullen, Levi Patton.

CONFERENCE TREASURER

R. Ashcraft.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

W. D. McMullen, president; J. W. Whiteside, secretary; H. L. Torsey, treasurer;
A. P. Matson, Levi Patton.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

H. L. Torsey, president, term expires 1917; W. D. McMullen, secretary, term expires 1916; J. W. Whiteside, treasurer, term expires 1914; Herman Schrader, term expires 1913; William Chavers, term expires 1915.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

H. L. Torsey, president, term expires 1917; W. A. Harden, secretary, term expires 1914; J. W. Whiteside, 1913; W. D. McMullen, 1915; J. H. Wilson, 1915.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WESSINGTON SPRINGS SEMINARY

J. H. Wilson, W. D. McMullen, S. Waite, O. E. McCracken, 1914; J. W. Whiteside, W. F. Harding, E. B. Maris, 1913; J. B. Collins, H. J. Heberlein, S. J. Wallace, R. Smith, 1917.

15. Who have died this year? None.
 16-20. See statistical report.
 21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? Sarah Earl, \$25.
 23. See statistical report.
 24. See list of appointments.
 25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? The place is to be decided by the district elders and the conference secretary; the time, as near the first Wednesday in October as will suit the plan of the bishop who is to preside.

APPOINTMENTS

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT—J. H. WILSON, District Elder, Wessington Springs, South Dakota

Sioux Falls.....H. L. Torsey, 604 Fourth avenue, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
 BeresfordC. M. Goldie, Beresford, "
 Wall Lake.....R. Ashcraft and Winnie Ashcraft, Hartford, "
 Mt. Pleasant and Lake County.....To be supplied
 Boyden and Rock Rapids.....To be supplied

NORTH DISTRICT—J. H. WILSON, District Elder

ViennaC. A. Evans, Vienna, South Dakota
 Ortley and Booming Valley.....Alta Waller, supply, Waubay, "
 WaubayD. B. Waller, Waubay, "
 Berton and Farnsworth.....To be supplied

WESSINGTON SPRINGS DISTRICT—W. D. McMULLEN, District Elder
 Wessington Springs, South Dakota

Wessington Springs.....G. W. Griffith, Wessington Springs, South Dakota
 Woonsocket Circuit.....G. A. Evans, Woonsocket, "
 Hand County Circuit.....T. Donoghue, Wessington Springs, "
 Olivet, Wittenburg and Armour.....B. I. Hubbard, Olivet, "
 Mitchell.....G. W. Austin, supply (elder in charge), Mitchell, "

J. W. Whiteside, evangelist and financial agent Wessington Springs Seminary, Wessington Springs, South Dakota; Henry Hendrickson, teacher in Wessington Springs Seminary; W. C. Houts, left without an appointment according to paragraph 96 of the Discipline, by recommendation of the committee on ministerial relations; S. B. Shaw, left without an appointment according to paragraph 96 of the discipline.

FAULKTON DISTRICT—W. D. McMULLEN, District Elder

FaulktonW. A. Harden, Faulkton, South Dakota
 Liberty and Fairview.....To be supplied
 Burkmere and Hyde County.....
E. E. Voss, G. H. Andrews, supply, Burkmere, South Dakota

WESTERN DISTRICT—W. D. McMULLEN, District Elder

Kennebec and Draper.....R. O'Connor, Kennebec, South Dakota
 Fort PierreTo be supplied
 Forest CityA. C. Damon, supply
 HettingerTo be supplied

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Sioux Falls District	J. H. Wilson, District Elder																												
	H. L. Torsey.....	29	5	34	..	1	7	40	7	\$ 14 85	\$ 5 94	\$ 6 60	\$ 4 95	\$ 3 30	\$ 66														
	Beresford	19	3	22	..	1	6	48	8	7 20	2 88	3 20	2 40	1 60	32														
	Wall Lake, Mt. Pleasant, etc....	24	..	24	..	3	10	40	5	11 25	4 50	5 00	3 75	2 50	50														
	Boyd, Rock Rapids and Parker	5	..	5	..	..	..	..	2	2 70	1 08	1 20	90	60	12										
North District	J. H. Wilson, District Elder																												
	D. B. Waller.....	17	13	30	1	1	3	14	8	7 20	2 88	3 20	2 40	1 60	32														
	C. A. Evans.....	24	..	24	1	1	1	9	4	12 15	4 86	..	4 05	2 70	54														
	Berton and Farnsworth.....	7	..	7	..	1	5	20	2	3 15	1 26	1 40	1 05	70	14														
Wessington Springs District	W. D. McMullen, Dist. Elder																												
	G. W. Griffith.....	87	13	100	6	1	15	120	20	38 25	15 80	17 00	12 75	8 50	1 70														
	Rand County	38	5	43	2	1	6	27	7	17 85	7 02	7 80	5 85	3 90	78														
	Mitchell	11	3	14	..	1	4	18	4	3 00	1 44	1 60	1 20	80	16														
	Olivet	12	..	12	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..								
	Woonsocket	9	1	10	..	..	..	..	1	..	1 98	..	2 20	1 10	22										
Faulkton District	W. D. McMullen, Dist. Elder																												
	W. A. Harden.....	35	16	51	1	1	3	14	8	16 20	6 48	7 20	5 40	3 60	72														
	Burkmore and Hyde County.....	15	1	16	..	2	12	50	6	7 65	3 06	3 40	2 55	3 40	1 40														
Western District	W. D. McMullen, Dist. Elder																												
	B. I. Hubbard.....	7	..	7	..	2	..	..	..	3 15	1 26	1 40	1 05	70	14											
	Kennebec	7	12	19	13	45	..	3 15	1 26	1 40	1 05	70	14														
Total.....		346	73	419	11	6	21	119	94	\$ 148 05	\$ 61 20	\$ 60 40	\$ 51 55	\$ 35 70	\$ 7 86														

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Sioux Falls District															
Sioux Falls	\$	\$	\$ 76 32	\$	\$	\$ 51 01	\$ 1 65	\$	\$ 122 40	\$ 40 00	\$		\$	1	1600
Beresford		\$ 56	18 00			40 79	80	\$350 00	120 00	75 00	105 15	1	2500	1	1200
Wall Lake, Mt. Pleasant, etc.								278 55	120 00	75 00	24 18	1	2500	1	1500
Bayden, Rock Rapids and Parker		21 00				18 86	1 25	310 41	50 00	76 44		1	1500	1	1500
							30			35 00		1	1500	1	1500
**North District															
Ortley			20 00		3 62	50 00	80	429 38		63 56	6 00	1	1500		
Vienna	103 65		52 54			10 00	1 35	315 00	144 00	63 70	106 60	1	2000	1	1250
Berton and Farnsworth								*149 57		62 14	7 19				
Wessington Springs District															
Wessington Springs	145 92		192 25		3 25	93 99	4 25	400 00	120 00	140 00	56 03			1	2000
Hand County			50 49		1 64	68 41	1 95	210 44		81 59	69 86	1	3000	1	1500
Mitchell							40	\$110 00	46 00	21 52		1	2500		
Olivet								75 00		45 25		2	1200	1	600
Woonsocket							55	60 11	66 00						
Faulkton District															
Faulkton, Liberty and Fairview		6 00	20 00				1 80	314 12	120 00	56 00	20 00	2	2700	1	1700
Burkmore and Hyde County						12 00	85	156 34	72 00	23 72		1	2000		
Western District															
Draher							35	\$133 81		24 59					
Kennebec						12 00	35	32 05		19 99	12 25				
Total	\$285 13	\$ 435 60	\$	\$ 8 51	\$ 357 76	\$16 65	\$ 3324 78	\$ 903 11	\$ 407 28	13	\$ 21900	10	\$ 14350		

*To G. A. Evans for supplying Farnsworth 6 months. †General Missions Appropriation, \$20.

‡General Missions Appropriation, \$20. §General Missions Appropriation, \$20.

§General Missions Appropriation, \$35. **General Missions Appropriation, \$20.

NORTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Fifteenth Annual Session, held at Jamestown, North Dakota, October 23-27, 1912

OFFICERS

W. N. COFFEE, *President*
O. E. McCracken, *Secretary* W. S. BALLENGER, *Assistant Secretary*
C. F. KLEIN, *Statistical Secretary* JOHN MORAN, *Treasurer*
W. S. BALLENGER, *Auditor* JOHN MORAN, *Sunday-school Secretary*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. N. Coffee, John Moran, H. G. Bachman.
On Claimants and Claims—W. N. Coffee, John Moran, H. G. Bachman, Wesley Smith, Ella Schantz.
On Publications—C. F. Klein, H. G. Bachman, T. A. Doughty.
On State of the Work—John Moran.
On Reforms—D. B. Weintz, Ella Schantz.
On Education—O. E. McCracken, J. H. Spicer.
On Sabbath-schools—O. E. Edwards, Jennie Camp, Susan Bond.
To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.
To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—J. H. Spicer.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—Ella Schantz, O. E. McCracken, C. F. Klein.
On Charities—C. F. Klein, T. A. Doughty, Amanda Benson.
On Complimentary Resolutions—W. S. Ballenger, John Moran.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

W. S. Ballenger, president; C. F. Klein, secretary; John Dynes, treasurer; O. E. McCracken, H. G. Bachman.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

W. S. Ballenger, president, time expires 1913; John Moran, secretary, time expires 1915; O. E. McCracken, time expires 1914.

CONFERENCE HOME MISSION BOARD

John Moran, president; C. F. Klein, secretary; John Dynes, treasurer; W. S. Ballenger, H. G. Bachman.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

C. F. Klein, John Dynes, time expires 1915; John Moran, time expires 1913; W. S. Ballenger, W. W. Bemis, time expires 1914.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

<i>On Publications</i> —T. A. Doughty,	<i>On State of the Work</i> —John Moran,
<i>On Reforms</i> —W. S. Ballenger,	<i>On Sabbath-schools</i> —C. F. Klein,
<i>On Education</i> —O. E. Edwards,	<i>On Charities</i> —O. E. McCracken.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions, Church Extension; second quarter, Home Missions, General Conference Entertainment Expenses; third quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Permanent Fund; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. L. M. Ballenger, president, Courtenay, North Dakota; vice-president, Anna L. Warren, Mayville, North Dakota; second vice-president, Mrs. H. G. Bachman, Jamestown, North Dakota; recording and corresponding secretary, Hazel Franklin, 1320 Front street, Fargo, North Dakota; superintendent of Junior work, Mary Broberg, 1410 First avenue, South, Fargo, North Dakota; treasurer, Mrs. Sarah Northrup, Jamestown, North Dakota.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

John Moran,
O. E. Edwards.
F. A. Reeves,

W. S. Ballenger,
H. G. Bachman,
D. B. Weintz.

O. E. McCracken,
C. F. Klein,

DELEGATES

Mrs. Jennie Kemp,
Mrs. Ella Schantz.

Wesley Smith,
Miss Amanda Benson,

Mrs. Susan Bond,
Mrs. J. L. Bemis.

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. N. Coffee, John Moran, Wesley Smith.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? J. H. Spicer.
4. Who remain on trial? L. S. Eberly, T. A. Doughty.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? D. B. Weintz.
6. Who are the deacons? D. B. Weintz.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.
8. Who have located this year? None.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? None.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? F. A. Reeves.
- 11, 12. None.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? D. B. Weintz, W. A. Greenup.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.
15. None.
- 16-20. See statistical report.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? F. A. Reeves, \$30.
- 22, 23. See statistics.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? Not earlier than the first Wednesday in October, 1913; place left with a committee.

MISCELLANEOUS

There were four sittings held, and these, as mere religious services, moved harmoniously. Rev. W. N. Coffee, of the Oregon conference, presided by appointment of Bishop W. A. Sellew, and all felt that none better could have been sent as substitute. Rev. J. W. Whiteside represented the interests of the publishing house as well as Wessington Springs Seminary. Rev. J. H. Flower, of St. Louis, Missouri, was recommended by the Fargo district quarterly conference to be recognized as an ordained elder in the church and conference, and the recommendation was unanimously adopted; also, Mrs. J. H. Flower as conference evangelist. This is truly a field of great opportunities for our work as a church, for spirituality is at a low ebb generally.

APPOINTMENTS

FARGO DISTRICT—JOHN MORAN, District Elder, Larimore, North Dakota

Fargo Mission To be supplied

O. E. McCracken, superintendent, 1410-1st avenue S., Fargo, North Dakota

Fargo Hazel Franklin, supply, 1320 Front street, Fargo, “

Gardner O. E. Edwards, Gardner, “

Larimore, Mayville and Park River..... To be supplied

Grand Prairie..... L. S. Eberly, Ashtabula, North Dakota

Jamestown and Cottonwood Schoolhouse.....

H. G. Bachman, Jamestown, “

Crary To be supplied

Glenfield and Courtenay.....

W. S. Ballenger, Mrs. L. M. Ballenger, supply, Courtenay, North Dakota

T. A. Doughty, evangelist and district superintendent of the North Dakota

Children's Home Society, Fargo, North Dakota; John Moran, member of the

Fargo district quarterly conference.

MINOT DISTRICT—JOHN MORAN, District Elder

Deering To be supplied

Minot and Palermo..... J. L. Bemis, supply, Palermo, North Dakota

Wilton and McClusky..... J. H. Spicer, McClusky, “

Ray, McKenzie county and Eastern Montana.....

C. F. Klein, conference missionary, Ray, North Dakota

Hettinger and Cedar Creek.....

Mrs. Mary S. Barker, supply, Morristown, South Dakota

F. A. Reeves, superannuated, with claim, member Minot district quarterly

conference; Allen Greenup, given certificate of standing, member Minot district

quarterly conference; D. B. Weintz, given certificate of standing, member

Minot district quarterly conference.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL MISSIONS—Apportioned and paid, \$25.65.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Apportioned and paid, \$30.78.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—Apportioned and paid, \$76.95.

PERMANENT FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$8.55.

CHURCH EXTENSION—Apportioned and paid, \$17.10.

GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$6.84.

W. F. M. S.—Raised during the year, \$300.

LOCAL ELDER

J. H. Flower, 4534a Gibson avenue, St. Louis, Missouri

LOCAL DEACONS

J. P. Gill, Wilton..... North Dakota Edward Schuler, Deering, North Da-

A. J. Houver, Sterling, North Dakota kota

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. J. H. Flower, 4534a Gibson ave- Mrs. L. M. Ballenger, Courtenay, North
nue, St. Louis, Missouri Dakota

Mrs. Mary S. Barker, Morristown, South Dakota

LOCAL PREACHERS

W. W. Bemis, Courtenay, North Dakota	W. H. Barker, Morristown, South Dakota
Ed. Swanson, New York Mills, Minnesota	J. L. Bemis, Palermo, North Dakota
	C. Schantz, Gardner, . . . North Dakota

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Hazel Franklin, 1320 Front street, Fargo, North Dakota	Mrs. H. G. Bachman, Jamestown, North Dakota
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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON CHARITIES

James defines pure religion as consisting of visiting the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and keeping one's self unspotted from the world. This places charities in a very important place in our conduct. The word religion is made up of two Latin words, *re* and *ligio*, which mean to tie again. Sincere charitable deeds form one of the two bonds which wins God's will and friendship to us. And such deeds form a strong bond between benefactor and beneficiary. Moreover, the disinterested observer has favorable regard for the philanthropist. Charity at once binds God, the afflicted and the observer to us in strong bonds of friendship. The Christian church at the very beginning took special interest in caring for the poor, the apostles directing the church to select specially qualified men for this particular work. It is very probable that secret societies, the powerful competitors of the church, have gained the interest and allegiance of the men largely because the church neglected to maintain reliable provisions for those in adversity.

Too many neglect to do what their hand could find to do in charitable deeds. Unconsciously they allow charities to be crowded out. Some, because they cannot give a large amount, neglect to give the small amount which they could give. They forget for the moment that a cup of cold water shall not lose its reward. A lack of system causes some to let an entire year pass with nothing given for needy cases.

As a demonstration we have the Old People's Home and Orphanage at Gerry, New York, in the east, and the Old People's Rest Home and the Chicago Industrial Home for Children at Woodstock, Illinois. With sincere urgency we advise liberal donations from every one for these institutions.

Geographical conditions would suggest that our people in the west coast and Rocky Mountain regions would please God and do a necessary religious work by establishing institutions of this kind in their territory.

We heartily recommend the excellent work being done in this state by the North Dakota Children's Home Society with buildings located at Fargo.

In order to meet the dire distress of the preacher's widow and orphans at the time the self-denying husband and father leaves them in tears and distress, and, usually in straitened circumstances, a church-wide preachers' aid society should be formed and each preacher contribute one dollar at the death of any preacher, for the immediate relief of his sorrowing and usually needy family. If at any time the total contributions exceeded one thousand dollars, the per capita contribution could be reduced to such an amount as would total only one thousand dollars. Honorary members from the laity could be secured, because many would be delighted to thus visit the fatherless and widow of the self-denying man of God in their hour of grief and need.

In these times of the high cost of living it seems little less than parsimony to ask the worn-out preachers now to accept the dole, small enough a generation ago, fixed for their maintenance. Doubling the present disciplinary provision would be little more than the purchasing power of the present amount when it was first established.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claimants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claims	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Entertainment General Conference
Minot District																
Deering	John Moran, District Elder	18	2	20	1	1	1	5	40	4	\$ 8 55	\$ 3 42	\$ 41 30	\$ 2 85	\$ 1 90	\$ 76
Ray, Angle, Eastern Montana..	D. B. Weintz.....	10	1	11	..	..	..	..	..	6	3 60	1 44	87 05	1 20	80	32
Minot and Tugus.....	C. F. Klein, missionary....	8	1	9	1	..	..	..	..	2	9 90	3 96	.....	3 30	2 20	88
Wilton and McClusky.....	John Moran	20	..	20	3	1	1	5	20	4	9 00	3 60	25 62	3 00	2 00	80
Fargo District																
Jamestown	John Moran, District Elder	18	5	23	1	1	1	6	35	7	4 50	1 80	12 00	1 50	1 00	20
Gardner	H. G. Bachman.....	24	9	33	1	1	1	6	30	9	11 25	4 50	.....	2 50	.....	50
Fargo	O. E. Edwards.....	29	4	33	1	1	1	7	50	7	9 45	3 78	10 00	3 15	2 10	84
Glenfield and Courtenay.....	O. E. McCracken.....	19	1	20	1	1	1	5	20	7	8 10	3 24	77 42	2 70	1 80	72
Crary	W. S. Ballenger.....	11	..	11	..	2	11	70	3	4 95	1 98	60 63	1 65	1 10	44	44
Grand Prairie	J. H. Spicer.....	15	7	22	..	1	1	..	..	..	4 50	1 80	.....	1 50	1 00	44
Mayville, Latimore, Park River..	L. S. Eberly.....	5	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	2	2 25	90	25 00	75	50	20
Total.....	John Moran	177	30	207	8	2	9	39	235	49	\$ 78 05	\$ 30 42	\$ 339 02	\$ 24 10	\$ 14 40	\$ 6 20

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Mission- ary Claim	Woman's For- eign Missionary Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
Minot District															
Deering	\$	\$	\$ 14 85	\$	\$	\$ 21 38	95	\$ 400 00	\$ 60 00	\$ 61 43	\$ 25 00	1	\$ 1800	1	\$ 600
Ray, Angle, Eastern Montana..	40	.....	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Minot and Tagus	1 10	.....	.....	4 51	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wilton and McClusky	1 00	.....	.....	73 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fargo District															
Jamestown	39 74	.....	.....	47 43	50	545 00	100 00	55 15	46 50	1	800	1	800
Gardner	3 32	.....	.....	.....	17 00	.....	560 78	75 00	89 15	.....	1	1500	1	1000
Fargo	7 00	.....	3 50	43 98	1 05	353 00	.....	68 00	104 00	1	6000	.....	.....
Glenfield and Courtenay	12 75	90	443 30	60 00	100 00	.....	2	3000	1	1200
Crary	19 00	.....	.....	20 48	55	288 70	46 30	81 70	.....	.....	.....	1	750
Grand Prairie	16 00	.....	7 00	.....	50	571 97	75 00	82 80	32 81	1	1500	1	500
Mayville, Larimore, Park River..	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	750	1	1250
Total	\$	\$ 3 32	\$ 74 74	\$	\$ 10 50	\$ 163 02	\$ 7 20	\$ 3862 75	\$ 414 30	\$ 631 14	\$ 208 31	7	\$ 15300	7	\$ 6100

KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Seventeenth Annual Session, held at
Petroleum, Kentucky, October 24-26, 1912

OFFICERS

B. WINGET, *President*
WALKER MAYFIELD, *Secretary* E. V. TOWNS, *Assistant Secretary*
C. G. HEATH, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—B. Winget, C. G. Heath, H. O. Coates.
On Reforms—C. G. Heath, W. C. Sellers.
On Education—F. K. Baker, E. V. Towns, J. W. W. Kelley.
On Publications—Walker Mayfield, J. B. Hay.
On Sunday-schools—Hardy Simmons, H. C. Foster.
On Charity—H. O. Coates, W. S. Wygal.
On the State of the Work—J. W. W. Kelley, C. G. Heath.
On Complimentary Resolutions—E. V. Towns.
On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—J. W. W. Kelley, E. V. Towns.
To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—James Elrod, J. B. Hay.
To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

C. G. Heath, president and treasurer; Walker Mayfield, secretary; J. W. W. Kelley, James Elrod, W. S. Wygal.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

Walker Mayfield, three years; C. G. Heath, two years; J. W. W. Kelley, one year.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions (15 cents), Permanent Fund (5 cents); second quarter, Bishops' Salaries (18 cents); third quarter, Church Extension (10 cents), General Conference Expenses (3 cents), Home Missions (4 cents); fourth quarter, Conference Claimants (45 cents).

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

J. W. W. Kelley.	Walker Mayfield.	H. O. Coates.
C. G. Heath.	F. K. Baker.	H. C. Foster.
E. V. Towns.	Hardy Simmons.	Nels Nordrum.

DELEGATES

W. E. Lockheart,	W. C. Sellers,	J. B. Hay.
Ollie Malone,	Sallie Reece,	W. S. Wygal,
J. T. Puckett,		

2. Who are the stationing committee? B. Winget, C. G. Heath, Walker Mayfield, J. B. Hay, W. C. Sellers.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? W. O. Cook, P. C. Dunkerson.
4. Who remain on trial? Thomas Hall.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? Nels Nordrum.
6. Who are the deacons? H. C. Foster, E. V. Towns, Hardy Simmons, Nels Nordrum.
11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? Nels Nordrum, a minister on trial, from the Texas conference.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.
25. When, and where, shall the next conference be held? At Wrightsburg, Kentucky, as early in October as is convenient to the plans of the bishops.

APPOINTMENTS

LOUISVILLE AND BOWLING GREEN DISTRICTS—C. G. HEATH, District Elder

Scottsville, Petroleum and Mount Carmel.H. O. Coates, Petroleum, Kentucky

Bowling Green, Cassaday, Mount Zion, Kelley's Chapel.

.....Hardy Simmons, Smith Grove, "

Wrightsburg, Rumsay and Woodbury.Nels Nordrum, Beech Grove, "

Louisville, Highland Park, Mount Beulah, Cedar Grove and Upton-
.....E. V. Towns, Highland Park, "

Walker Mayfield, J. W. W. Kelley and H. C. Foster, conference evangelists, members of the Louisville and Bowling Green district quarterly conference; Thomas Hall, left without an appointment, according to paragraph 96 of the Discipline, member of the Louisville and Bowling Green district quarterly conference; C. G. Heath, member of the Louisville and Bowling Green district quarterly conference.

NASHVILLE DISTRICT—C. G. HEATH, District Elder

Nashville and Hermitage.W. O. Cook, Gallatin, Tennessee

Nolinsville, Simmons Chapel, Manchester and Zion Hill.P. C. Dunkerson

Deckard and Winchester.F. K. Baker, Deckard, Tennessee

Deer Lodge and Burrville.F. M. Eliot, supply

Forest Chapel, Wolf Hill, Portland and New Row.C. G. Morehead, supply

Breathitt county, Kentucky.J. H. Moore, supply

Bethlehem and Lafayette.To be supplied

MISCELLANEOUS

This was the most largely attended conference by visitors of any previous session. A spirit of unity prevailed and the blessing of God rested upon the saints in its fervency.

B. Winget presided by appointment, and his messages of truth were highly appreciated by all.

Nels Nordrum was ordained deacon in the Sunday morning's service. In the afternoon Missionary Secretary B. Winget, held a missionary service in

which more than \$100 was taken in cash and subscriptions. The cash of this service and that contributed during the year amounting to \$57.10.

The treasurer reported all claims raised in full.

LOCAL PREACHERS AND EVANGELISTS

James Elrod.....	Oakland, Kentucky	Mrs. Minnie Bennett, Hillsboro, Tennessee
G. W. Tucker....	Petroleum, "	
Steven Wolf	Scottville, "	Mrs. Zuella Puckett, Nolinsville, Tennessee
W. C. Sellers..	Beech Grove, "	
J. A. Wheeler, Highland Park, Kentucky		Mrs. Bell Appling, Russelville, Kentucky
M. D. Black, Highland Park, Kentucky		Mrs. Mary E. Kelley, Petroleum, Kentucky
C. G. Morehead...Rumsey, "		
B. P. Osborn.....	Nashville, Tennessee	Mrs. Alice Heath, Woodbury, Tennessee
J. B. Hay, Thompson Station, Tennessee		Miss Lamorah Sellers, Beach Grove, Tennessee
Mrs. Lottie Cook, Gallatin, Tennessee		

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Mission- ary Claim	Woman's For- eign Missionary Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
Louisville and Bowling Green District															
Louisville	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	3	\$ 2800	1	\$
Scottsville						16 33		226 42		36 00	65 45				
Bowling Green						12 90		150 90		35 92	40 00	3	2300	1	400
Wrightsburg						16 00		43 70		20 00	51 68	1	900		
Mount Beulah						9 00		23 50		20 45		2	1600		
Louisville						25 46		5 10		39 32					
Nashville District															
Gallatin		25 00				9 36	90	82 32	60 00	33 07	25 00	1	1000	1	500
Nolinsville						16 00		199 20		47 70	70 55	1	800		
Manchester		90					1 80	216 00		50 02	25 50	2	1500		
Deer Lodge															
Forest Chapel								47 89	38 00	17 16	25 00	2	600	1	200
Total	\$	\$ 25 90	\$	\$	\$ 3 24	\$ 105 05	\$ 2 70	\$ 995 03	\$ 96 00	\$ 299 64	\$ 302 18	15	\$ 11500	3	\$ 1100

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirtieth Annual Session, held at Bates Schoolhouse, Gilbert, Louisiana, October 31-November 4, 1912

OFFICERS

W. B. OLMSTEAD, *President*
JAMES M. MANCHESTER, *Secretary* DAVID DAY, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. B. Olmstead, James M. Manchester, J. W. Williams.
On Publications—Elias Paul, Frazar Scott.
On Reforms—J. T. Allen, D. M. Dukes, David Day.
On Education—R. H. Walker, James M. Manchester, J. A. Hollaway.
On Sabbath Observance—David Day, L. J. Wheeler.
On Charities—Duncan Short, N. J. Roark.
On State of the Work—James M. Manchester, David Day.
To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—Elias Paul, J. A. Hollaway.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—David Day, Frazar Scott.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

James M. Manchester, for two years; David Day, for one year.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

David Day, James M. Manchester, Frazar Scott, L. J. Wheeler, D. M. Dukes.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

The amount per member is \$1.15, to be taken during the first quarter.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

David Day,	James M. Manchester.	D. M. Smashey,
N. J. Roark,	Frazar Scott,	Duncan Short,
J. W. Williams.		

DELEGATES

R. H. Walker,	Elias Paul,	D. M. Dukes,
J. A. Hollaway,	L. J. Wheeler,	J. T. Allen.

2. Who are on the stationing committee? W. B. Olmstead, James M. Manchester, J. A. Hollaway.

3. Who are elected to deacons orders? J. W. Williams.

4. Who remain on trial? None.

5. Who are the deacons? Duncan Short, John W. Williams.

6, 7, 8, 9. None.

10. Who are admitted into full connection? John W. Williams.
- 11, 12, 13. None.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.
15. None.
- 16-20. See statistical tables.
- 21, 22. None.
23. See treasurer's report.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

APPOINTMENTS

LOUISIANA DISTRICT—JAMES M. MANCHESTER, District Elder

Franklin circuit	Frazar Scott
Olla and Grayson	David Day
Summerville, Antioch and Mt. Zion.....	N. J. Roark
Big Island.	John Wesley Williams
Black River	To be supplied
Duncan Short, evangelist.	

MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT—JAMES M. MANCHESTER, District Elder

Delta City (P. O. Catchings, Mississippi).....	T. H. Price, supply
Jackson and Adelle.....	John Spradling, supply
New Hope	Joseph T. Allen, supply
Wesson, Hazlehurst, Beaver Dam, Beezley Chapel and McHenry..	To be supplied
James M. Manchester, member Mississippi district quarterly conference.	

ALABAMA DISTRICT—JAMES M. MANCHESTER, District Elder

Deer Park.....	Alvin G. Fellows
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MISCELLANEOUS

The thirtieth session of the Louisiana conference was held with Bates schoolhouse class, Gilbert, Louisiana, October 31-November 4, 1912. Rev. W. B. Olmstead presided, by appointment, Bishop Jones being ill. While our sympathies and prayers were toward our bishop in his illness, nevertheless we enjoyed having Brother Olmstead with us. His dispatch of the business, and manner of presiding, together with his able addresses and sermons, were under God a great blessing and inspiration to us.

The stationing committee recommends that the General Missionary Board be requested to appropriate fifty dollars for the district elder, and fifty dollars to be used by the conference on weak points.

TREASURER'S REPORT

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—Assessed, \$78.75; paid, \$59.85; deficit, \$18.90.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed and paid, \$31.50.

GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$26.25.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Assessed, \$26.25; paid, \$19.65; deficit, \$6.60.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Paid, \$41.50.

CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed, \$17.50; paid \$13.10; deficit, \$4.40.

PERMANENT FUND—Assessed, \$8.75; paid, \$6.55; deficit, \$2.20.

ENTERTAINMENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$6.62.

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES—Assessed and paid, \$7.00.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Conference Claims	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Missions Claims	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Entertainment General Conference
Welcome Home District																
Welcome and Summerville.....	James Manchester, Dist. Elder	46		46	2	3	15	65	2	19 80	7 92	6 60	6 60	4 40	1 32	
Franklin circuit	David Day	35		35	4	1	8	25	2	13 05	5 22	4 35	4 35	2 90	87	
Black River circuit	J. W. Williams	13		13					1	90	36	30	30	20	06	
Big Island	Duncan Short	24		25		2	10	75	1	11 25	4 50	3 75	3 75	2 50	75	
	N. J. Roark.....															
Mississippi District																
Delta City (Catchings P. O.)...	James Manchester, Dist. Elder	18		4	22	3					7 65	3 06	2 55	2 55	1 70	51
Adelle	Frazier Scott	11		11												
New Hope	James M. Manchester.....	15		15	1	1	4	20	2	5 40	2 16	1 80	1 80	1 20	40	
Alabama District																
Deer Park	James Manchester, Dist. Elder	7		7												
	Alvin G. Fellows.....								1							
Total.....		169	5	174	10	7	32	185	9	58 05	23 22	19 35	19 35	13 90	3 91	

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Missions- ary Claims	Woman's For- eign Missionary Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
Welcome Home District															
Welcome and Summerville.....	% 1 76	%	%	%	%	\$ 8 00	% 20	% 86 00	%	\$ 19 10	\$	%	% 500	1	\$ 200
Franklin circuit	1 16	%	%	%	%	3 00	1 45	86 11	%	20 20	%	%	1000	%	%
Black River circuit	08	%	%	%	%	%	10	%	%	2 00	%	%	200	1	%
Big Island	1 00	%	%	%	%	13 30	1 25	94 67	%	26 00	%	%	400	%	%
Mississippi District															
Delta City (Catchings P. O.)...	68	%	%	%	%	%	85	174 11	%	22 00	%	%	%	%	%
Adelle	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
New Hope	48	41 50	%	%	%	4 00	60	30 00	%	15 00	%	%	%	%	%
Alabama District															
Deer Park	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	85 00	%	21 20	%	1	600	%	%
Total.....	% 5 16	% 41 50	%	%	%	\$ 28 30	\$38 85	\$ 545 80	%	\$ 123 50	\$	15	\$ 2700	1	\$ 200

TEXAS CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirty-third Annual Session, held at Campbell, Texas, November 6-10, 1912

OFFICERS

WILLIAM B. OLMSTEAD, *President*

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F. D. PALMER, *Statistical Secretary* R. A. THOMPSON, *Railroad Secretary*

R. A. THOMPSON, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. B. Olmstead, R. A. Thompson, L. A. Miller.

On Publications—George McCulloch, L. P. Morris, W. M. Adams.

On Reforms—R. A. Thompson, W. C. Rose, A. J. Tabor.

On Education—A. B. Harrell, M. L. Lancaster, George McCulloch.

On Sunday-schools—F. D. Palmer, M. M. Lowery, Tillie Stowe.

On State of the Work—The district elders.

On Aggressive Evangelism—W. C. Rose, W. M. Adams, Laura Hill.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—C. A. Perkins, F. D. Palmer.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—John Windsor, C. E. Rose.

On Mission and Missionary Appropriations—W. B. Olmstead, R. A. Thompson,
W. C. Rose, C. A. Perkins, B. F. Harris, W. E. Johnsey, John Windsor,
E. E. Chandler, A. J. Tabor.

Auditing Committee—B. F. Harris, Otto Zimmerman.

On Charities—B. F. Harris, M. L. Lancaster, W. M. Adams.

On Claims and Claimants—W. B. Olmstead, R. A. Thompson, W. C. Rose, John
Windsor, A. J. Tabor.

Complimentary Resolutions—Otto Zimmerman, C. E. Rose.

On Memoirs—W. C. Rose, R. A. Thompson, W. M. Adams.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

R. A. Thompson, W. C. Rose, one year; B. F. Harris, R. E. Elkins, two years;
George McCulloch, L. A. Miller, three years.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

George McCulloch, R. A. Thompson, W. C. Rose, L. P. Morris, C. E. Rose.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

R. A. Thompson, president; W. C. Rose, secretary; A. B. Harrell, B. F. Har-
ris, L. A. Miller, F. D. Palmer.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—A. B. Harrell,

On Aggressive Evangelism—B. F. Har-
ris,

On Reforms—M. L. Lancaster,

On Sunday-schools—M. M. Lowery,

On Education—R. A. Thompson,

On Charities—W. M. Adams.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Bishops' Salaries (18 cents), Church Extension (10 cents);
second quarter, General Missions (15 cents), Permanent Fund (5 cents);

third quarter, Conference Missions (13 cents), General Conference Entertainment (4 cents); fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund (45 cents).

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. H. E. Thompson, president; Clara Ferris, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Mary Smith, recording secretary; Mrs. Sarah McCulloch, treasurer, 2825 McKinnon street, Dallas, Texas, to whom all moneys must be sent.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

George McCulloch,	T. J. Jacks	R. A. Thompson,
W. H. Lathrop,	F. D. Palmer,	H. A. Hanson,
B. F. Harris,	A. B. Harrell,	L. A. Miller,
W. M. Adams,	R. E. Fletcher,	M. M. Lowery,
M. L. Lancaster,	W. C. Rose,	J. C. George,
Otto Zimmerman,	L. P. Morris,	C. W. Lyman,
R. C. Myers,	J. E. Crawford,	A. R. Martin.
G. F. Finger,	Joseph F. Hendricks,	I. T. Williams,
H. Frank Cochran,	J. N. Tinsley,	J. P. Neeley,

DELEGATES

John Windsor,	Mrs. M. A. Hicks,	A. J. Tabor,
C. L. Button,	N. B. Ashby,	Marvin Dean,
E. E. Chandler,	Mrs. Grace M. Tinker,	H. C. Belk,
W. E. Johnsey,	W. H. Heironymous,	A. G. Maxfield,
Mrs. Tillie Stowe,	Mrs. Laura Hill,	C. E. Rose,
Mrs. Lula Bowman,	G. S. George,	Miss Ella Gomer,
Miss Pauline Adams,	Mrs. Kate E. Collins.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. B. Olmstead, R. A. Thompson, W. C. Rose, B. F. Harris, A. B. Harrell, John Windsor, A. J. Tabor, W. E. Johnsey, E. E. Chandler.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? I. C. Tipton, C. N. Joiner, J. M. Cox, Arthur Struble, W. E. Norris.

4. Who remain on trial? W. H. Norman, W. T. Collins, T. L. Ensey, A. R. Martin.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? H. Frank Cochran, J. N. Tinsley, J. P. Neeley.

6. Who are the deacons? J. F. Hendricks, J. T. Williams, G. F. Finger, H. F. Cochran, J. N. Tinsley, J. P. Neeley.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8. Who have located this year? N. W. Sanford.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. F. Hendricks, A. R. Martin, W. T. Collins, G. F. Finger.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? George McCulloch, W. H. Lathrop, H. A. Hanson.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? J. P. Neeley, from Arkansas and Southern Missouri conference; J. E. Crawford, from the West Kansas conference; A. R. Martin, in second year course, from the Oklahoma conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? C. A. Perkins, C. W. Johnson.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? G. W. Tinker, a traveling elder, to the Platte River conference.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

15. Who have died this year? L. M. Tinker.

16-20. See statistics.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? George McCulloch, \$150; W. H. Lathrop, \$45; H. A. Hanson, \$50.

22-23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where, and when, shall our next conference be held? At Dallas, Texas, as near the first day of November, 1913, as will suit the convenience of the bishops.

APPOINTMENTS

DALLAS DISTRICT—B. F. HARRIS, District Elder, Greenville, Texas

Dallas, First Church..L. A. Miller, corner Payne and McKinnon, Dallas, Texas

Dallas, Central Church.....To be supplied

EnnisR. E. Fletcher, West Brown street, Ennis, Texas

Fort Worth

...H. Frank Cochrane, corner Anna and Illinois streets, Fort Worth, "

OakT. L. Ensey, Waxahachie, Route 3, "

Paradise circuit.....John W. Cox, Paradise, "

CollinsvilleTo be supplied

George McCulloch, W. H. Lathrop, H. A. Hanson, superannuated; W. T. Collins, supernumerary; G. W. Tinker, granted certificate of standing.

CAMPBELL DISTRICT—B. F. HARRIS, District Elder.

CampbellR. A. Thompson, Campbell, Texas

GreenvilleTo be supplied

Rockwall and Bear Creek.....L. P. Morris, Rockwall, Texas

Terrill and Bachelor.....

.....F. D. Palmer, 407 South Rockwall avenue, Terrill, "

Van circuitW. H. Norman

Big Sandy circuit.....J. L. Price, Big Sandy, Route 1, Texas

DeKalb circuitTo be supplied

M. M. Lowery, I. T. Williams, evangelists; J. G. Adams, temperance evangelist; J. C. George, attending Campbell Seminary; G. F. Finger, supernumerary; C. W. Lyman, left without appointment with a view to location; B. F. Harris, member Greenville district quarterly conference.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT—B. F. HARRIS, District Elder

San Antonio circuit

.....Samuel T. Williams, 104 South Sharer street, San Antonio, Texas

San MarcosW. E. Norris, San Marcos, "

AMARILLO DISTRICT—W. C. ROSE, District Elder, Mount Dora, New Mexico

AmarilloTo be supplied

Memphis.....M. W. Burgess, supply, Memphis, Texas

Wichita FallsTo be supplied

Abilene circuitW. P. Sibly, supply, Abilene, Texas

Clayton and Mount Dora.....M. L. Sponaule, supply, Clayton, New Mexico

Le ForsW. M. Adams, Le Fors, Texas

Kirkland circuitJ. I. Dickenson, supply

J. F. Hendricks, supernumerary; W. C. Rose, member Amarillo district quarterly conference.

MELROSE DISTRICT—W. C. ROSE, District Elder

Clovis and Texico.....Arthur Struble, Clovis, New Mexico
 Lacy and LibertyC. N. Joiner, Melrose, "
 Melrose and Forest.....Albert Mendenhall, supply, Melrose, "
 PortalesTo be supplied

NACOGDOCHES DISTRICT—A. B. HARRELL, District Elder, Nacogdoches, Texas.

Nacogdoches circuitJ. N. Tinsley, Nacogdoches, Texas
 Chireno and Sabinetown circuit.....M. L. Lancaster, Chireno, "
 Sacul circuitI. C. Tipton, Sacul, "
 Jasper circuitJ. P. Neeley, Jasper, "
 Zavalla circuitL. V. Mound, supply, Zavalla, "
 CaroR. G. Bradley, supply, Caro, "

A. B. Harrell, member Nacogdoches district quarterly conference.

ALVIN DISTRICT—A. B. HARRELL, District Elder

Alvin circuitOtto Zimmerman, Alvin, Texas
 Chocolate and Liverpool.....Anna Fisher, supply, Alvin, "
 Manville and Sandy Point.....J. E. Crawford, Alvin, "
 SheridanR. C. Myers, Alvin, "
 HoustonTo be supplied

A. R. Martin, supernumerary.

LOCAL DEACONS AND ELDERS

L. D. Wright,	B. W. Huckabee,	S. F. Worley,
J. S. Hill,	J. G. Adams,	N. W. Sanford,
D. Briggs,	J. N. Wilson,	M. W. Burgess,
C. B. Anderson,	M. J. Townson,	J. H. Smith,
C. N. Joiner,	J. W. Payne,	L. C. Ellis.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. M. J. Peppers.....Ennis, Texas	Mrs. Sadie Lowery, Campbell, Texas
Mrs. Lillie Palmer	Mrs. Ada Huckabee
Mrs. Mattie Price	Mrs. Mattie Crawford

LOCAL PREACHERS AND EVANGELISTS

Rebecca Belk,	Elmer Smith,	R. W. C. Owens,
J. D. Beggs,	T. J. Kinningham,	S. B. Ellison,
S. T. Green,	C. B. Weaver,	H. C. Belk,
E. A. Moore,	Lula Jones,	C. E. Rose,
H. M. Weaver,	Walter Barber,	A. G. Maxfield,
W. L. Delamar,	Mary E. Davis,	M. L. Lamb,
J. W. Deskin,	Ida Swanson,	Ed. Hartline,
G. S. George,	H. E. Malone,	M. L. Sponaule,
R. E. Crick,	A. L. Perkins,	L. K. Adams,
Lula Bowman,	P. N. Adkinson,	J. B. Morris,
W. R. Hill,	Mrs. Almira Adams,	J. E. Stowe,
E. S. Blystone,	D. C. Weavers,	W. L. Neal,
W. P. Sibley,	Albert Mendenhall,	J. J. Hewitt,
J. H. Bateman,	A. A. Dubose,	S. H. Tinsley,
A. G. Maxfield.		

MISCELLANEOUS

The thirty-third session of the Texas annual conference was held in Campbell, Texas, November 6-12, and was very harmonious and blessed. By appointment of Bishop B. R. Jones, W. B. Olmstead presided most acceptably. Five sittings were held. The aggressive and evangelistic spirit of the president was most profitable, and the able and unctuous sermons preached stirred the hearts of all.

The auditorium of the Campbell Free Methodist Seminary was used. The congregations were large and enthusiastic. Quite a number were saved, and most of us blest up good.

Rev. G. M. Haddock, of the Oklahoma conference, was with us, and gave us a good sermon. We were much drawn to this sweet-spirited man, and hope he will come again.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held a public service Sunday afternoon, where a very interesting program was rendered by the Seminary W. F. M. S. A collection was taken, amounting to \$55 cash.

The conference had an educational service led by Principal C. E. Harroun and L. A. Miller, the financial agent, resulting in \$725 being raised in cash and good subscriptions.

The Conference appointed a board for aggressive evangelism. President Olmstead gave an address Sunday before the forenoon service and raised \$755.55 in cash and subscriptions for this work.

Upon the whole, this was one of our very best sessions. Bishop, send us Olmstead again when you can't come.

TREASURER'S REPORT

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Apportioned and paid, \$129.06.

CHURCH EXTENSION—Apportioned and paid, \$71.70.

GENERAL MISSIONS—Apportioned and paid, \$107.55.

PERMANENT FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$35.85.

GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—Apportioned and paid, \$28.68.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Apportioned and paid, \$93.21.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—Apportioned and paid, \$322.65.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON REFORMS

Your committee on reforms desires, without apology, to offer the following report:

We see no good reason for a revision of our positions on any of the evils of the day.

The liquor business is ruining more homes and damning more souls to-day than ever in the world's history. There are more than two billion dollars spent by this nation each year for intoxicating drinks, to say nothing about the endless sums incidentally consumed in courts, prisons, asylums, sanitariums and private homes as a direct result of intoxication. Granting there are one hundred million people in America, the drink bill would amount to \$20 each. Divide these people into families of five members each, would take \$100 out of each home. This, with not a cent of return or a mite of benefit, but of positive poverty and everlasting ruin, and while we read this report the country is excited to a mad frenzy as to which one of the political parties shall have the right to rule this rum-soaked nation and perpetuate this nefarious business.

We regret that some of our people are being gulled into voting for these old parties, in each instance supposing they are choosing the lesser evil. We should

vote as a man, ever and always for straight prohibition expressed by a definite party, pledged for its full enforcement.

We are gratified to know our church stands unanimously against the unwholesome, unhealthy, unclean and totally unchristian tobacco habit. There is no turning or squirming on this thing; we simply will not tolerate it in any shape, form or person. Its cost is half that of the liquor business, adding approximately \$50 per family and \$10 per capita to our expense bill—no returns—except broken constitutions and early deaths. Thank God for a church with a clean mouth and pure breath.

Our book of discipline stands the same on the "dress question" as it has stood for years, but we mourn to see a constant tendency to violate it. We argued years ago, when wearing neckties by men was made a matter of individual conscience, that our throat was cut on the dress question. That it subjected our preachers to a retort which would effectually silence them, and eventually little would be said against vain fashion by these men, and as a result they would stir up less opposition from the dress devil, and so become more acceptable to the outside part of our congregations, and our members would yield to this sentiment until men who were true to God on this subject would become objectionable because of the strife resulting from their preaching.

We have seen this result, however, sooner than we ever suspected. If the correctness of our position is yet doubted, we simply await full vindication in no distant day by ever-increasing living evidence. Sir, we have no valid reason for doubting that this was foreseen and desired by those of opposite views to ours on this question. Therefore we conclude prominent position cannot intelligently be looked for by those among us who persist in insisting on primitive plainness in dress in our church, yet we record it as a source of deep gratitude that our pilgrims are much ahead of members of other denominations in modesty and plainness in dress, and while we scarcely hope to prevent greater worldliness on this line, yet we are willing to do our best to "slow them up" in their progress. Amen.

Developments are continually proving the wisdom of our position on the subject of secrecy. The McNamara brothers, in San Quentin prison, are silent but potential monuments of the evils of secret orders, and the great prosecutions now in progress are unfolding revelations of the wickedness of this thing in high places. The whole system is of the same kind in spirit. The principle is the same. It springs from a common root. Whether benevolent, social, or mechanical association, it is selfish, wicked and cruel discrimination, ultimating in the committal of crime on the theory that "the end justifies the means," and is defended on the principle that "wisdom is justified by her children." We have no serious fears of our church departing from her position on this question. We would sooner expect the internal rottenness of the system to cause its destruction and common sense people to come to our way of thinking.

We wish also to call attention to a matter of the general denominational importance which is the apparent lack of interest of our leaders in some sections of the country. We have been for years endeavoring to arouse more interest in the southern work. Yet we confess surprise at results. Our enemies outside our church, and some of our own people, frequently assert that Free Methodism is a northern institution. Sufficiently possessed of sectional prejudice to not only be largely indifferent to our interests, but to discriminate against us in many ways, they have said that the church was not adapted to our needs and would not succeed in the south. We have personally resented such thoughts and imputations, but feel that some occasion has been given for the same.

Our bishops seldom visit us, but when necessity compels them, they stay no longer than conference duties demand, while we frequently hear of them in all other portions of our country. This fact gave birth to the demand for a southern evangelist.

We have always thought ourselves loyal to every principle of the church, have been assured by competent leaders that we compared favorably with other parts of the church. We have always borne our part of the financial

burdens of the church, and responded liberally to all of our institutions. If we have not, let our brethren inform us of our dereliction. And if they conclude the genius of Free Methodism and of the southern people sufficiently incongruous to preclude the reasonable hope of success, therefore the outlay of time and means unwise, let them say so plainly, that we may know, for the feeling is growing on the minds of our people that something is wrong, and it is loosening our hold on our hopes for permanent success, and is thus injuring us, and is perhaps a secondary reason why so many of our pastors are resigning their circuits.

We are fully persuaded that the principles of Free Methodism are adapted to the whole universe of man, and is non-sectional and non-racial as the love of God, that a proper application of its virtues will redeem the whole world that needed its benign sway north and south, east and west. "See and flow together, and their hearts are enlarged," and they are one and inseparable forever. Therefore the conduct of all our leaders should be such as not to create, but allay, all suspicion of either personal or sectional favoritism. God bless our leaders and helpers all. Amen.

Finally, we must call attention to the laxness of disciplinary observance in the general management of our work. Pastoral visiting is greatly neglected. Neither class leaders nor stewards observe with any great degree our rules for the execution of their offices. The support of the pastor and other branches of our work is not increasing proportionately to the ability of the church, and the result is a secularizing ministry which is a shame to the church. They neglect the preacher until he is forced to secular work, and then refuse to support him because he is at work. The remedy for the whole thing is found in the staid adherence to the place laid down in the discipline.

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II.—ON PUBLICATIONS

We earnestly recommend our denominational organ, the *Free Methodist*, which is ably edited and is so free from all fictitious matter, and so well filled with good articles, well calculated to inspire confidence in the doctrines held sacred by us as a church. We cannot be well informed Free Methodists without it. We are glad to note the stand it takes on the great important moral, as well as religious, question of the prohibition of the soul-destroying liquor traffic. We are sorry to state the small percent of our members, and even of the preachers, in the Texas conference who subscribe for the *Free Methodist*.

We recognize and recommend the *Missionary Tidings*, the organ of our home and foreign missionary work, and consider it the best channel through which we can keep in touch with this work, and with our faithful missionaries in the foreign field, and thereby beget a deeper love and a broader spirit of liberality in trying to push this much needed work in the future.

We also recommend our Sabbath-school literature, sent out by our publishing house, as the very best published anywhere, and we should be loath to think that we could have a single Free Methodist Sabbath-school anywhere that would use any other kind of literature than that published by our own publishing house.

We are pleased to note the growth and prosperity of our own publishing house now located in Chicago, and we look upon it as a source of future help in carrying on the work of the church, and we are pleased also to note the growth and prosperity of our publishing interests as manifested in the increased number of good, religious books brought out recently, and we can recommend these books and publications to our ministers and members generally as good, wholesome reading to bring into our homes.

We also learn with pleasure that our publishing agents are so conducting the financial part of the publishing house business as to give us a reasonable hope of soon seeing the day when our publishing house with all its publishing interests and future prospects will be preserved for the use of the church free of debt. May God speed the day.

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GREENVILLE, NACOGDOCHES AND ALVIN DISTRICTS

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Greenville District																
Greenville	R. A. Thompson, Dist. Elder	38	2	40	4	5	1	4	25	...	18 00	7 20	5 20	6 00	4 00	1 60
Rockwall	L. P. Morris	23	...	23	2	...	1	5	38	...	10 80	4 20	3 12	3 60	2 40	96
Campbell	C. W. Johnson	95	...	95	4	...	1	10	175	...	33 30	13 32	12 72	14 26	9 40	3 76
Terrell and Bachelor	L. A. Miller	24	...	24	1	...	...	...	...	...	13 55	5 40	3 90	4 50	3 00	1 20
Van	H. Frank Cochran	18	...	18	1	...	1	5	35	...	10 80	4 32	3 12	3 10	2 40	96
Big Sandy	T. L. Eusey	23	...	23	4	...	...	...	1	...	12 60	5 04	3 64	4 20	2 80	1 12
Dekalb	I. T. Williams	13	...	13	1	...	...	...	...	...	5 88	2 34	1 69	2 15	1 30	1 52
Nacogdoches District																
Nacogdoches and Chireno	C. A. Perkins, District Elder	42	...	42	1	...	1	6	40	3	17 55	7 02	5 07	5 85	3 90	1 56
Sacul	R. E. Fletcher	17	1	18	1	...	1	5	25	...	7 65	3 06	2 21	2 55	1 70	68
McClellan and Sabinetown	J. N. Tinsley	30	2	32	...	...	2	10	55	1	14 85	5 94	4 29	4 95	3 30	1 32
Jasper circuit	S. H. Tinsley	20	...	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Zavalla circuit	T. J. Jacks	28	...	28	2	1	3	19	125	1	21 60	8 64	6 24	6 75	4 80	1 80
Caro	L. V. Mound	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Caro	R. G. Bradley	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Alvin District																
Alvin	C. A. Perkins, District Elder	28	...	28	...	2	2	13	60	6	7 12	3 78	2 73	3 15	2 10	84
Chocolate and Liverpool	J. E. Crawford	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Manville circuit	Cary Fisher	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Houston	Otto Zimmerman	4	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sheridan	R. C. Myers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total		666	9	675	41	15	21	122	888	45	\$ 295 82	\$118 80	\$ 88 99	\$101 16	\$ 73 90	\$ 26 92

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

DALLAS, SAN ANTONIO, AMARILLO AND BLACK VALLEY DRAUGH DISTRICTS

CHARON	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Mission- ary Claim	Woman's For- eign Missionary Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
Dallas District															
Dallas, First Church.....	\$		77 43	\$	\$ 1 80	\$ 81 92	\$	650 00	\$	\$ 100 00	\$ 25 00	1	\$ 2000	1	\$ 1500
Dallas, Central Church.....			22 32			16 20		100 00		50 00		1	3500	1	1000
Ennis			13 35			23 00		230 00		50 00		1	1500	1	1500
Ft. Worth						15 00		230 00		45 00		1	1500	1	1500
Paradise								170 00		40 00		1	1200	1	200
Oak								50 00		25 00		1	800	1	1000
San Antonio District															
San Antonio		5 70	2 00		1 00	26 19		305 14		30 30	3 35	2	1400	1	1300
San Marcos						12 00		40 00		50 00		1	1400	1	1000
Amarillo District															
Amarillo						20 00		241 43		51 40	25 50	1	800		
Memphis								297 84		53 85	77 55	1	500		
Wichita Falls								10 00		12 00		1			
Whitline								60 65		16 25					
Clarendon										7 00					200
Mount Dora															
Le Fors										4 00					
Black Valley Draugh District															
Clovis and Texico.....								66 20		24 00	56 00				
Lacy and Liberty.....								30 00		20 00					
Nelrose and Forest.....			16 85			8 75				20 00					
Portales								20 00		10 00	16 00				

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE—CONTINUED
GREENVILLE, NACOGDOCHES AND ALVIN DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Delegates to Gen- eral Conference	Foreign Mission- ary Claim	Woman's For- eign Missionary Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Re- ceipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangeli- st Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
Greenville District															
Greenville								285 00		40 75	60 00	1	1400	1	1000
Rockwall			28 50			5 00		172 65		55 00	30 00	1	800	1	500
Rampell			55 00			41 20		291 25		145 00	100 00				
Venrell and Bachelor										16 95		1	1000	1	800
Venrell						3 00		47 00		9 00	9 00	1	500	1	150
Big Sandy								20 95		23 00		1	300		
DeKalb								1 10		7 00					
Nacogdoches District															
Nacogdoches and Chireno								465 00		153 00	75 00	2	1200	1	1400
McClellan			5 00					105 65		28 45	88 10		1	1	500
McClellan and Sabinetown								83 25		146 30		1	500		
Jasper circuit															
Zavalla circuit						12 90		85 85		39 25	6 25	1	400	1	200
Caro															
Alvin District															
Alvin						30 79		100 00		51 60		1	800		
Chocolate and Liverpool															
Manville circuit															
Houston															
Sheridan															
Total	\$.	\$ 5 70	\$ 226 05	\$.	\$ 2 80	\$ 287 74	\$.	\$ 4379 09	\$.	\$1924 30	\$ 521 75	21	\$ 19800	15	\$ 12650

Note: Raised for tracts, \$14.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

PROCEEDINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOARD OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION

BOARD OF CHARITIES

GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD

WOMAN S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE CONFERENCES

CONFERENCES	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Evangelists	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Copies of "Tree Methodist" Taken	Conference Claim-ants' Fund	Bishops' Salaries	Conference Mis-sions Claims	General Missions Claim	Church Extension and Aid Society	Entertainment General Conference	Delegates to Gen-eral Conference
Arkansas and Southern Missouri...	123	131	254	8	13	3	20	140	221	35	13	57	6	11	7	07
California	380	450	830	18	19	11	465	718	113	177	68	23	56	7	00	07
Central Illinois	1690	1828	3518	48	19	57	1152	2489	287	177	91	38	50	141	40	48
Colorado	478	578	1056	17	18	17	107	875	109	189	40	42	158	303	90	11
Columbia River	424	76	500	14	7	23	107	776	118	182	46	75	01	40	20	11
East Michigan	1719	1927	3646	47	31	90	652	3323	367	880	06	11	72	39	68	45
East Ontario	1739	1853	3592	18	14	38	1103	1337	137	332	75	388	80	192	80	18
Genesee	1590	201	1791	22	11	48	379	2537	433	729	39	294	32	132	25	34
Illinois	940	116	1056	21	19	32	236	1384	111	399	01	200	71	162	30	18
Iowa	817	105	922	26	12	30	226	1505	171	324	40	131	93	87	98	00
Kansas	964	961	1925	26	25	30	260	1217	201	346	43	153	12	16	32	28
Kentucky and Tennessee	163	151	314	12	7	8	32	285	33	125	10	30	04	27	80	16
Michigan	1002	92	1094	20	9	28	292	1103	105	408	05	133	02	13	90	51
Minnesota and Northern Iowa...	311	44	355	5	5	11	74	564	87	142	20	56	88	19	70	83
Missouri	262	18	280	5	7	12	124	349	43	120	15	48	06	47	60	36
Nebraska	355	24	379	8	5	22	124	495	99	155	53	67	39	51	90	16
New York	1054	150	1204	45	16	43	279	1734	187	471	75	188	60	106	70	29
North Dakota	177	30	207	8	2	9	39	235	49	76	05	30	42	14	40	62
North Indiana	383	50	433	9	5	21	145	687	59	175	95	70	29	58	10	87
North Michigan	1744	211	1955	46	21	85	522	2289	322	753	42	298	99	247	64	59
North Minnesota	251	23	274	6	6	10	63	462	45	113	40	45	36	155	87	36
Ohio	1067	155	1222	27	19	54	371	2183	261	461	00	186	33	102	40	19
Oil City	1863	327	2280	22	28	38	526	3195	354	870	51	348	25	204	80	65
Oklahoma	528	160	688	12	30	33	144	207	356	72	149	08	123	84	10	17
Pittsburgh	1687	302	1989	60	36	70	566	3833	269	753	88	332	06	49	30	84
Platte River	440	51	491	25	23	20	108	472	127	195	75	78	30	104	20	79
South Africa (For statistics see Foreign Missions)																84
South Dakota	346	73	419	11	6	21	119	603	94	148	05	60	40	35	70	78
Southern California	797	124	921	35	6	21	137	1452	254	306	34	116	48	101	15	86
Southern Oregon	133	13	146	6	5	5	35	156	23	58	05	38	60	12	90	28
Texas	1375	221	1596	30	22	51	309	1869	254	603	82	23	12	200	27	84
Tusquehanna	666	9	675	41	15	21	122	888	45	295	82	88	99	132	06	35
Wabash	1089	99	1188	20	13	47	238	1379	205	469	12	118	80	98	16	92
Washington	2938	148	3086	28	22	33	287	1643	234	412	65	104	98	98	60	41
Western Canada	433	70	503	17	17	25	398	158	172	03	74	82	35	24	90	17
West Ontario	746	101	847	16	16	23	166	1101	158	327	80	129	59	35	80	51
West Kansas	580	72	652	21	13	28	167	1058	135	266	40	106	56	59	20	18
Wisconsin	587	85	672	18	11	29	152	977	136	275	04	111	20	59	04	68
Total	30616	3954	34570	878	544	1252	8289	48673	6306	\$13280 42	\$ 5239 32	\$ 6032 65	\$ 4461 90	\$ 2896 98	\$ 813 81	\$403 71

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE CONFERENCES

CONFERENCES

	Foreign Mission-ary Claim	Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies	Educational Fund	Children's Fund	Raised for Sabbath School Expenses	Permanent Fund	Preachers' Receipts	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Receipts	Evangelists' Receipts	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Arkansas and So. Missouri.....	202 50	15 40	2 00	2 00	25 67	3 00	429 25	33 58	175 74	23 00	5	4800	1	150
California.....	89 61	742 68	1 40	8 51	549 26	18 95	5820 04	1345 00	907 40	477 08	14	32900	12	16200
Central Illinois.....	19 03	500 81	1 00	8 44	1307 57	18 95	12863 87	1546 00	2293 49	1253 92	68	75850	26	27300
Colorado.....	47 61	877 00	2 00	43 69	598 15	19 07	15983 84	3104 00	1171 54	422 29	13	27700	10	5850
Columbia River.....	32 91	420 44	5 20	40 63	505 72	18 95	6318 33	894 00	2111 11	663 26	16	21000	10	10800
East Michigan.....	157 00	720 13	33 27	34 56	1552 53	36 93	18613 32	3104 00	1981 11	152 76	94	19615	12	14500
East Ontario.....	32 91	161 53	110 25	66 43	64 51	78 30	15276 31	1382 00	2657 36	209 53	53	104900	39	62050
Georgia.....	255 46	1431 86	39 45	31 07	1286 17	44 33	12330 01	3851 25	2182 93	569 74	40	110900	28	57200
Illinois.....	112 81	680 04	6 75	44 60	599 39	29 61	7239 14	1456 50	960 68	547 40	30	35500	19	15450
Iowa.....	144 42	437 28	36 28	38 75	593 95	39 60	7802 64	1554 80	1486 19	737 36	34	46800	30	20250
Kansas.....	25 90	437 28	36 28	38 75	593 95	39 60	7802 64	1554 80	1486 19	737 36	34	46800	30	20250
Kentucky and Tennessee.....	25 90	437 28	36 28	38 75	593 95	39 60	7802 64	1554 80	1486 19	737 36	34	46800	30	20250
Louisiana.....	41 50	1077 85	14 78	21 49	891 08	50 85	10547 43	2109 25	1447 48	361 18	15	2700	1	200
Michigan.....	413 72	1077 85	14 78	21 49	891 08	50 85	10547 43	2109 25	1447 48	361 18	15	2700	1	200
Minnesota and Northern Iowa.....	6 00	423 54	1 85	6 41	367 90	1 58	3947 42	634 00	628 46	276 89	12	45100	8	8350
Missouri.....	37 00	23 00	80	18 30	209 25	13 35	1747 57	434 00	330 52	190 48	14	13350	10	5900
Nebraska.....	139 21	220 30	5 00	42 37	267 28	14 45	3937 41	839 25	1007 75	253 98	20	21900	13	11350
New York.....	23 98	1151 10	29 53	47 11	1227 57	7 20	13963 71	414 30	277 12	208 35	7	15354	12	2000
North Dakota.....	132 91	282 52	10 81	32 80	473 67	19 59	4057 67	1036 00	522 55	79 66	21	36200	9	13700
North Michigan.....	137 63	292 78	13 17	10 13	1387 57	69 19	15669 28	2835 00	2120 20	136 45	83	89150	46	35350
North Minnesota.....	143 97	188 41	13 17	14 14	206 30	12 60	1708 42	388 00	370 47	199 40	10	7300	8	4800
Ohio.....	6 50	1422 66	24 41	33 77	1456 38	51 30	13583 72	2038 00	2103 26	399 97	51	67950	23	27850
Oklahoma.....	35 82	4359 79	18 54	19 41	2051 07	96 55	20054 26	3031 00	3023 07	958 00	12	147950	12	48850
Oregon.....	4 75	395 83	4 30	37 90	537 56	41 30	7896 60	1544 00	1470 95	115 10	24	28900	19	15950
Pittsburgh.....	37 64	794 56	3 16	13 80	605 80	24 60	5863 32	1203 00	1253 06	678 08	20	27400	12	12950
Platte River.....	27 75	4023 17	44 09	35 03	3039 99	82 20	22348 24	2394 00	3473 18	515 33	60	148500	24	45800
South Africa [For statistics see Foreign Missions].....	295 13	435 60	8 51	357 76	16 65	3315 22	3315 22	660 00	1024 02	282 17	17	19500	14	12175
Southern California.....	164 03	287 45	23 41	8 51	357 76	16 65	3315 22	660 00	1024 02	282 17	17	19500	14	12175
Southern Oregon.....	246 52	35 50	25	30 39	1353 14	69 31	8211 84	1896 00	954 11	407 28	13	21900	10	14350
Susquehanna.....	570 00	1634 59	29 01	52 68	1059 45	63 15	19262 00	3470 31	2278 15	1115 70	5	7050	4	5400
Texas.....	156 46	248 52	6 30	12 80	989 59	48 45	9556 59	1848 00	1353 10	521 75	21	19800	15	12650
Washington.....	197 68	2259 44	20 65	20 13	1326 85	38 08	11299 60	2187 00	1733 72	836 29	26	56625	23	26400
Western Canada.....	39 28	327 50	4 45	4409 71	12 45	4409 71	1223 00	971 00	15 00	15 00	7	40050	3	20100
West Iowa.....	26 05	106 98	4 32	247 98	4881 65	937 00	1131 51	342 56	28 36	36100	18	17100	10	17100
West Ontario.....	48 25	880 30	1 92	2 42	618 86	17 52	4881 65	937 00	1131 51	342 56	28	36100	10	17100
West Kansas.....	37 36	324 25	5 31	24 79	427 58	39 60	6353 53	1422 00	986 24	437 44	21	29100	21	23500
Wisconsin.....	97 27	531 85	9 80	3 50	543 19	31 45	7198 85	1522 00	1358 49	173 52	33	48800	17	15500
Total.....	\$4000 05	\$33053 44	\$511 99	\$744 39	\$9204 46	1414 36	\$321809 05	\$55548 02	\$54035 14	\$18148 95	1256	\$1902784	693	\$ 584325

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETINGS, 1912

BISHOPS

REV. BURTON R. JONES, 918 Francis street, Jackson, Michigan.
 REV. WALTER A. SELLEW, 68 Falconer street, Jamestown, New York.
 REV. WILSON T. HOGUE, R. R. No. 2, Michigan City, Indiana.
 REV. WILLIAM PEARCE, Titusville, Pennsylvania.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

REV. BURTON R. JONES, President	REV. MENDAL B. MILLER,
REV. WALTER A. SELLEW,	Secretary,
REV. WILSON T. HOGUE,	REV. ALEXANDER BEERS,
REV. WILLIAM PEARCE,	JARVIS K. WILSON,
REV. ALBERT SIMS,	GEORGE B. LAMBERT,
REV. DAVID S. WARNER,	E. C. POTTER,
REV. C. E. HARROUN,	ISAAC KESLER,
REV. G. W. GRIFFITH,	J. S. JONES,
	A. VERKUYL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FREE METHODIST PUBLISHING HOUSE

WILSON T. HOGUE, President,	MENDAL B. MILLER, Secretary,
WALTER A. SELLEW, Treasurer,	BURTON R. JONES,
WILLIAM PEARCE,	DAVID S. WARNER,
	GEORGE B. LAMBERT.

TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

BURTON R. JONES, President.....	Term expires 1919
WILSON T. HOGUE.....	Term expires 1919
WILLIAM PEARCE.....	Term expires 1919
WALTER A. SELLEW, Treasurer.....	Term expires 1915
MENDAL B. MILLER, Secretary.....	Term expires 1915
THOMAS SULLY.....	Term expires 1915

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee met for its regular annual meeting at the Free Methodist publishing house, 1132 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, Tuesday, October 8, 1912, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

In the absence of the president, Rev. B. R. Jones, the secretary, M. B. Miller, called the committee to order. Rev. W. T. Hogue was elected to preside in the absence of the president.

All members of the committee were present except Rev. B. R. Jones, J. K. Wilson and J. S. Jones.

The following were elected directors of the Free Methodist Publishing House: Burton R. Jones, Walter A. Sellew, Wilson T. Hogue, William Pearce, Mendal B. Miller, David S. Warner and George B. Lambert.

Permission was granted to sell church and parsonage property, or both, at the following named places: Harrington, Washington; Ceresco, Nebraska; Dayton, Ohio; Salida, Colorado; Colville, Washington; Seven Bridges, Pennsylvania; Omaha, Nebraska; LaValle, Wisconsin; Oakdale, California; Baraboo, Wisconsin.

Permission was granted to mortgage the church property at Steuben street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

At the request of the North Indiana conference, the boundary line of the

North Indiana conference was changed so as to place the Union City charge within the bounds of the Ohio conference.

Bishops Walter A. Sellaw and Wilson T. Hogue were elected delegates to represent the church at large at the World's Christian Citizenship conference, to be held in Portland, Oregon, June 29-July 6, 1913.

It was ordered that an amount equal to 18 cents per member be raised the coming year for Bishops' Salaries.

The following resolution was adopted: "In view of the need of a word edition of the Free Methodist Hymnal, the publishers are authorized to publish such an edition at the earliest possible moment after the indebtedness on the music edition of the Free Methodist Hymnal has been liquidated."

A committee, consisting of W. Pearce, W. A. Sellaw, D. S. Warner, C. E. Harroun and A. Verkuyl, appointed to consider the publishing of a junior quarterly, the revision of the Light and Life song-book, the publication of a young people's Sunday-school paper and the distribution of the *Free Methodist* by our general conference evangelists, made the following report, which was adopted:

1. We recommend the publication of a junior quarterly.
2. We recommend that the publishing agents issue a new song-book for use in Sunday-schools, and that all details of publication be left with the Sunday-school secretary, editor of Sunday-school literature and publishing agents.
3. In the matter of a young people's weekly paper, your committee recognize the value of such a paper to our young people; we are persuaded there is an unoccupied field for such a paper. After carefully considering the whole subject, and consulting with the publishing agent relative to its cost, and learning of the heavy indebtedness still carried by the publishing house, which must be liquidated as it matures, your committee deem it inexpedient at this time to publish such paper. However, we recommend that such a paper be issued by the publishing agents as soon as the business conditions of the publishing house will admit.
4. Your committee also recommend that the general evangelists be requested to secure from the publishing agent copies of the *Free Methodist* to circulate in connection with their meetings, thus getting the paper before the people more generally, and also solicit subscriptions for the same. We recommend, further, that any expense for postage, or for any quantities of the paper thus furnished for free distribution, be charged up to the general expense of the meetings held, unless such expense be remitted by the publishing agent.

Revs. A. Sims, W. N. Coffee and G. W. Griffith were elected corresponding editors of the *Free Methodist*.

BOARD OF EDUCATION'

BISHOP WILSON T. HOGUE,

REV. ALEXANDER BEERS,

President

Vice-president

REV. J. T. LOGAN, *Recording Sec'y* BISHOP W. A. SELLEW, *Treasurer*

REV. MENDAL B. MILLER, *Corresponding Secretary*

The board of Education met in annual session at the Free Methodist Publishing House, October 9, 1912, Bishop W. T. Hogue in the chair.

Members present—W. T. Hogue, W. A. Sellaw, W. Pearce, M. B. Miller, A. Beers, C. E. Harroun, A. Sims, G. W. Griffith, D. S. Warner, G. B. Lambert, E. C. Potter, I. Kesler, J. T. Logan, A. Verkuyl.

The following named were elected a board of directors: B. R. Jones, W. T. Hogue, W. A. Sellaw, W. Pearce, M. B. Miller, A. Beers, C. E. Harroun, G. W. Griffith, D. S. Warner, G. B. Lambert, I. Kesler, J. S. Jones, J. K. Wilson, E. C. Potter, J. T. Logan.

The following committees were elected:

On Finance—M. B. Miller, A. Beers, C. E. Harroun, E. C. Potter.

Auditor—G. B. Lambert.

On Appropriations—G. W. Griffith, J. T. Logan, J. S. Jones, M. B. Miller, W. A. Sellew.

On Location of Educational Institutions—B. R. Jones, W. A. Sellew, W. T. Hogue, W. Pearce, A. Sims.

On Cancellation of Loans—D. S. Warner, I. Kesler, A. Sims.

On Recognition of Schools—W. T. Hogue, B. R. Jones, W. A. Sellew, W. Pearce.

On Unpaid Loans—W. A. Sellew, M. B. Miller.

The following loans were granted: L. A. Skuzie, \$50; Lena P. Duell, \$50; W. A. Fish, \$25; Lydia O. Gaudin, \$40; Ethel Doddridge, \$75; E. E. Cochrane, \$75; Robert Sanderson, \$75; Clinton Bowers, \$60; A. B. C. Clark, \$70; Jennie Corbin, \$40; John A. Logan, \$35; E. A. Haslam, \$45; Rachel Becraft, \$60; Ruth Sharpe, \$70; Alice Evans, \$50. J. T. LOGAN, Recording Secretary.

EDUCATIONAL AND CHILDREN'S FUNDS

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts from October 1, 1911, to October 1, 1912

CONFERENCE	Education Fund	Children's Fund	CONFERENCE	Education Fund	Children's Fund
Arkansas & Southern Missouri	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 50	Ohio	6 91	15 50
California	3 50	20 13	Oil City	14 65	30 16
Central Illinois		7 38	Oklahoma		46 88
Colorado	2 00	6 71	Oregon	3 16	12 80
Columbia River	20	5 12	Pittsburgh	5 44	31 32
East Michigan	27 83	36 45	Platte River		
East Ontario	2 65		South Africa Mission		
Genesee	21 00	56 07	Southern California	23 43	30 39
Illinois	9 74	33 45	South Dakota	2 18	14 32
Iowa	6 75	33 04	Southern Oregon		
Kansas	1 75	5 01	Susquehanna	17 03	49 50
Kentucky and Tennessee		3 20	Texas		
Louisiana			Wabash	1 30	13 35
Michigan	18 76	24 99	Washington	13 65	18 88
Minnesota & Northern Iowa	6 65	2 60	Western Canada		4 45
Missouri	2 00	2 00	West Iowa		4 32
Nebraska		18 46	West Kansas	5 31	22 90
New York	24 45	32 37	West Ontario	1 92	2 30
North Dakota		7 00	Wisconsin	3 20	1 00
North Indiana	6 00	39 05			
North Michigan	2 20	5 73			
North Minnesota	\$	\$ 25 94	Total	\$ 234 66	\$ 664 27

BOARD OF EDUCATION

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Board of Education, on hand October 1, 1911	\$1082 53	
Received during the year	140 50	\$1223 03
Children's Fund, received during the year		664 27
Educational, received during the year		234 66
		\$2121 96

PAID OUT

Children's Fund, overdrawn October 1, 1911	\$ 31 06	
Loans charged during the year	510 00	\$ 541 06
Educational Fund, overdrawn October 1, 1912	100 35	
Loans charged during the year	360 00	460 35
Expenses		133 00
		\$1134 41
Balance on hand October 1, 1912		\$ 987 55

BOARD OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS

REV. WALTER A. SELLEW, *President*

Other officers and members the same as the General Missionary Board.

Pursuant to a notice duly published in the *Free Methodist*, the Board met at the Free Methodist Publishing House, 1132 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, on Wednesday, October 16, 1912, at 3 p. m.

Walter A. Sellew, President, called the meeting to order and presided.

Prayer was offered by W. D. Cochran.

The roll was called and seventeen members responded to their names. See roll.

The Treasurer, Thomas Sully, read his report, as follows:

The Secretary read the itemized statement of the claims allowed the claimants by the Committees of the several annual conferences.

The Board approved of allowing a child of Fred Scott, of the Kansas conference, \$25, because of an error in not allowing this amount to the child a year ago.

Some informal requests had been sent in for an allowance for the five children of Nathanael Smith, deceased, who had been a member of the Susquehanna conference for a few months and also spent several years as a missionary in Africa under the Missionary Board. On motion his children were allowed \$25 each, total, \$125.

The Auditor, W. A. Sellew, made his report which, on motion, was adopted.

On motion, the Treasurer's report was adopted.

For list of amounts allowed claimants for the several conferences, see the following annual statement of Conference Claimants' Fund, 1912.

Minutes read. On motion adjourned.

B. WINGET, Secretary.

PERMANENT FUND

TREASURER'S REPORT

From October 1, 1911, to October 1, 1912

CONFERENCE	Apportionment	Paid	CONFERENCE	Apportionment	Paid
Arkansas and So. Missouri.	\$ 6 80	\$ 4 25	Ohio	\$ 51 80	\$ 51 80
California	18 95	18 95	Oil City	97 50	97 50
Central Illinois	87 90		Oklahoma	43 70	43 70
Colorado	21 95	21 95	Oregon	31 70	31 70
Columbia River	20 70	20 70	Pittsburgh	83 70	
East Michigan	100 30	100 30	Platte River	21 75	21 75
East Ontario	36 90	36 90	South Africa Mission		
Genesee	81 80	81 80	Southern California	34 70	34 70
Illinois	45 90	45 90	South Dakota	18 10	17 00
Iowa	39 05	39 05	Southern Oregon		
Kansas	43 55	43 55	Susquehanna	68 35	68 35
Kentucky and Tennessee	13 90	7 90	Texas	35 85	
Louisiana	8 75	1 75	Wabash	53 10	53 10
Michigan	50 85	50 85	West Iowa	20 95	7 05
Minnesota and No. Iowa	15 80	15 80	Washington	45 55	45 55
Missouri	13 35		Western Canada	12 50	
Nebraska	19 60	19 60	West Kansas	29 60	29 60
New York	54 10	54 10	West Ontario	36 45	36 45
North Dakota	8 55	8 55	Wisconsin	31 30	31 30
North Indiana	19 55	19 55			
North Michigan	83 95	83 95			
North Minnesota	12 60	12 60			
			Total	\$ 1521 40	\$ 1257 55

NOTE.—Total amount in this fund October 1, 1912, \$14,314.37.

The above report includes ONLY what was received before October 1, 1912.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Amount on hand October 1, 1911.....\$12781 36
 Received on 1911 apportionment..... 275 46
 Received on 1912 apportionment..... 1257 55

On hand October 1, 1912.....\$14314 37

ANNUAL STATEMENT CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND, 1912

	Apportionment 1912	Paid 1912	Claimants 1912	Paid Claimants 1912	Claimants 1913
Arkansas and Southern Missouri.....	\$ 61 20	\$ 61 20	\$ 90 00	\$ 90 00	\$ 185 00
California.....	170 55	170 55	140 00	140 00	125 00
Central Illinois.....	791 10	.....	905 00	113 90	825 00
Colorado.....	197 55	197 55	195 00	150 00	150 00
Columbia River.....	186 30	186 30	225 00	225 00	225 00
East Michigan.....	902 70	902 70	920 00	920 00	980 00
East Ontario.....	332 10	332 10	.....	.....	.....
Genesee.....	736 20	736 20	1450 00	1450 00	1050 00
Illinois.....	413 10	413 10	330 00	330 00	480 00
Iowa.....	351 45	351 45	250 00	250 00	250 00
Kansas.....	391 95	.....	850 00	258 05	675 00
Kentucky and Tennessee.....	125 10	16 00	.....	.....	.....
Louisiana.....	78 75	15 75	.....	.....	.....
Michigan.....	457 65	457 65	715 00	715 00	785 00
Minnesota and Northern Iowa.....	142 20	142 20	635 00	635 00	455 00
Missouri.....	120 15	.....	100 00	.....	100 00
Nebraska.....	176 40	176 40	140 00	140 00	110 00
New York.....	486 90	486 90	800 00	800 00	990 00
North Dakota.....	76 95	.....	30 00	.....	.....
North Indiana.....	175 95	175 95	95 00	95 00	95 00
North Michigan.....	755 55	755 95	1065 00	935 00	790 00
North Minnesota.....	113 40	113 40	170 00	170 00	165 00
Ohio.....	466 20	466 20	360 00	360 00	360 00
Oil City.....	877 50	877 50	.....	.....	.....
Oklahoma.....	393 30	393 00	250 00	250 00	250 00
Oregon.....	285 30	285 30	400 00	400 00	425 00
Pittsburgh.....	753 30	616 53	470 00	333 23	350 00
Platte River.....	195 75	195 75	.....	.....	.....
South Africa Mission.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Dakota.....	162 90	30 31	35 00	.....	25 00
Southern California.....	312 30	312 30	1525 00	1525 00	1678 00
Southern Oregon.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Susquehanna.....	615 15	615 15	1390 00	1390 00	1220 00
Texas.....	322 65	.....	195 00	.....	245 00
Wabash.....	477 90	477 90	325 00	325 00	475 00
Washington.....	409 95	409 95	140 00	140 00	500 00
Western Canada.....	112 50	112 50	.....	.....	.....
West Iowa.....	188 55	136 88	420 00	420 00	470 00
West Kansas.....	266 40	266 40	50 00	50 00	45 00
West Ontario.....	328 05	328 05	40 00	40 00	.....
Wisconsin.....	281 70	281 70	475 00	475 00	475 00
Total.....	\$13692 60	\$11496 67	\$13980 00	\$13125 18	\$14953 00

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Amount overdrawn, October 1, 1911.....\$ 2446 38
 Amount paid Claimants from October 1, 1911, to October 1, 1912..... 14435 08
 Amount paid Expenses..... 200 00 \$17081 46

RECEIVED

Amount received from October 1, 1911, to October 1, 1912.....\$14340 46
 Amount received from Interest from the Permanent Fund..... 701 37 \$15041 83

Amount overdrawn October 1, 1912.....\$ 2039 63

GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT

TREASURER'S REPORT

Amount Received Previous to October 1, 1912

CONFERENCE	Paid	CONFERENCE	Paid
Arkansas and Southern Missouri.....	\$ 2 87	Ohio	20 72
California	7 58	Oil City .....	.....
Central Illinois .....	.....	Oklahoma	17 48
Colorado	8 78	Oregon	12 68
Columbia River	8 28	Pittsburgh	19 16
East Michigan	40 12	Platte River	17 50
East Ontario	14 76	South Africa Mission .....	.....
Genesee .....	.....	South Dakota	7 22
Illinois	35 68	Southern California	13 88
Iowa	30 80	Southern Oregon .....	.....
Kansas	34 84	Susquehanna	32 59
Kentucky and Tennessee .....	.....	Texas	28 68
Louisiana	38	Wabash	40 92
Michigan	20 34	Washington	18 22
Minnesota and Northern Iowa.....	12 74	Western Canada .....	.....
Missouri .....	.....	West Iowa	2 38
Nebraska	5 17	West Kansas	23 68
New York	32 46	West Ontario	14 58
North Dakota .....	.....	Wisconsin	12 52
North Indiana	7 82		
North Michigan	67 16		
North Minnesota	\$ 5 04	Total	\$ 617 03

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Received before October 1, 1911.....	\$ 40 49
Received from October 1, 1911, to October 1, 1912.....	576 54
Amount on hand October 1, 1912.....	\$617 03

BISHOPS' SALARIES

TREASURER'S REPORT

From October 1, 1911, to October 1, 1912

CONFERENCE	Apportionment	Paid	CONFERENCE	Apportionment	Paid
Arkansas and So. Missouri.....	\$ 24 48	\$ 13 53	Ohio	\$ 186 48	\$ 186 48
California	68 22	68 22	Oil City	351 00	351 00
Central Illinois	316 44	300 00	Oklahoma	157 32	157 32
Colorado	79 02	79 02	Oregon	114 12	114 12
Columbia River	74 52	74 52	Pittsburgh	301 32	301 32
East Michigan	361 08	361 08	Platte River	78 30	78 30
East Ontario	132 84	132 84	South Africa Mission.....	.....	.....
Genesee	294 48	294 48	Southern California	124 92	124 92
Illinois	165 24	165 24	South Dakota	65 16	48 96
Iowa	140 58	140 58	Southern Oregon .....	.....	.....
Kansas	156 78	156 78	Susquehanna	246 06	246 06
Kentucky and Tennessee.....	50 04	20 00	Texas	129 06	79 55
Louisiana	31 50	6 30	Wabash	191 16	191 16
Michigan	183 06	183 06	Washington	163 98	163 98
Minnesota and No. Iowa.....	56 88	56 88	Western Canada	45 00	45 00
Missouri	48 06	48 06	West Iowa	75 42	69 21
Nebraska	70 56	70 56	West Kansas	106 56	106 56
New York	194 76	194 76	West Ontario	131 22	131 22
North Dakota	30 78	.....	Wisconsin	112 68	112 68
North Indiana	70 38	70 38			
North Michigan	302 22	302 22			
North Minnesota	45 36	45 36	Total	\$ 5477 04	\$ 5291 71

BISHOPS' SALARIES—CONTINUED

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

From October 1, 1911, to October 1, 1912

Amount on hand October 1, 1911.....	\$ 989 82	
Amount received from October 1, 1911, to October 1, 1912.....	5684 72	\$6674 54
PAID OUT		
Amount paid to bishops.....	\$5200 00	
Amount paid expenses.....	92 30	\$5292 30
Balance on hand October 1, 1912.....		\$1382 24

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION

REV. WILLIAM PEARCE, *President*B. WINGET, *Secretary*THOMAS SULLY, *Treasurer*

The members are the same as the General Missionary Board.

Pursuant to a call published in the *Free Methodist*, the Board met at the Free Methodist Publishing House, 1132 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, Monday, October 14, 1912, at 11 a. m.

Bishop William Pearce, president, called the meeting to order and presided.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the president, who called on Mrs.

M. Robinson to lead in prayer.

The roll was called and eighteen members responded to their names. See roll.

The following named persons were elected directors for the coming year: B. R. Jones, William Pearce, W. A. Sellw, B. Winget, W. T. Hogue.

The Treasurer read his report, and it was referred to the Auditor.

An informal application for an appropriation of \$250.00 for Union City charge, Oil City conference, was presented to the Board, and on motion, it was referred to the next annual meeting for consideration, when proper papers are filed out and sent in.

The Board considered the list of appropriations which had been sent in from the various conferences, and recommended a list for the directors to grant at their meeting.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion adjourned.

B. WINGET, Secretary.

DIRECTORS' MEETING

The Directors of the Church Extension Board met at the Free Methodist Publishing House, 1132 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, Thursday, October 17, 1912, at 3 p. m. Prayer was offered by W. A. Sellw.

The following named directors were present: William Pearce, B. Winget, W. T. Hogue, W. A. Sellw.

The election of officers for the coming year was taken up.

On the first ballot, William Pearce was elected President.

B. Winget was elected Secretary on the first ballot.

By acclamation, W. T. Hogue was elected vice-president.

The work of the General Board of Church Extension was brought before the directors, and its work and recommendations were approved.

See items of business as given in minutes of the General Board, and the following list of appropriations which were granted.

Minutes were read and approved. Adjourned. B. WINGET, Secretary.

CHURCH EXTENSION—CONTINUED

TREASURER'S REPORT

From October 1, 1911, to October 1, 1912

CONFERENCE	Apportionment	Paid	CONFERENCE	Apportionment	Paid
Arkansas and So. Missouri.	\$ 13 60	\$ 7 65	Ohio	\$ 103 60	\$ 103 60
California	37 90	37 90	Oil City	195 00	195 00
Central Illinois	175 80	100 00	Oklahoma	87 40	87 40
Colorado	43 90	43 90	Oregon	63 40	63 40
Columbia River	41 40	41 40	Pittsburgh	167 40	.....
East Michigan	200 60	200 60	Platte River	43 50	43 50
East Ontario	73 80	73 80	South Africa	.....	.....
Genesee	163 60	163 60	South Dakota	36 20	26 70
Illinois	91 80	91 80	Southern California	69 40	69 40
Iowa	78 10	78 10	Southern Oregon	.....	.....
Kansas	87 10	87 10	Susquehanna	136 70	136 70
Kentucky and Tennessee	27 80	8 20	Texas	71 70	6 60
Louisiana	17 50	3 50	Wabash	106 20	96 15
Michigan	101 70	101 70	Washington	91 10	91 10
Minnesota and No. Iowa	31 60	31 60	Western Canada	25 00	25 00
Missouri	26 70	26 70	West Iowa	41 80	33 80
Nebraska	39 20	39 20	West Kansas	59 20	59 20
New York	108 20	108 20	West Ontario	72 90	72 90
North Dakota	17 10	17 10	Wisconsin	62 60	62 60
North Indiana	39 10	39 10			
North Michigan	167 90	167 90			
North Minnesota	25 20	25 20			
			Total	\$ 3042 80	\$ 2667 30

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Amount on hand October 1, 1911	\$1632 11	
Received from October 1, 1911 to October 1, 1912	3152 93	\$4785 04

PAID OUT

Paid appropriation for 1910 and 1911, as follows:		
Kansas conference	\$ 150 00	
Susquehanna	50 00	
Oil City	200 00	\$ 400 00
Paid appropriations for 1911 and 1912, as follows:		
Central Illinois	175 00	
East Michigan	325 00	
East Ontario	400 00	
Minnesota and Northern Iowa	175 00	
Missouri	60 00	
North Michigan	75 00	
Oregon	165 00	
Ohio	200 00	
Pittsburgh	175 00	
Texas	50 00	
Washington	250 00	
Western Canada	125 00	
West Ontario	225 00	\$2400 00
Expenses	232 30	\$3032 30
Amount on hand October 1, 1912		\$1752 74

LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1912-1913

CONFERENCE	CIRCUIT OR CHARGE	AMOUNT
Arkansas and So. Missouri	Monett	\$ 140.00
California	Modesto	175.00
Central Illinois	St. Louis (not endorsed by conference— paid in two instalments)	500.00
Colorado	Salida circuit	75.00
Colorado	Denver (renewal)	300.00

LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1912-1913—CONTINUED

CONFERENCE	CIRCUIT OR CHARGE	AMOUNT
East Michigan	Amy and Pontiac	200.00
Kentucky and Tennessee..	Nolensville and Nashville circuit.....	100.00
North Indiana	Bluffton	150.00
North Indiana	Mishawaka (renewal)	100.00
Oil City	Tyrone (renewal)	400.00
Southern California	Second Church (paid in two instalments)..	400.00
Texas	Ennis circuit	300.00
Washington	Buckley and Orting	125.00
Platte River	Sargent	125.00
East Ontario	Crown Hill and Hillsdale (quit claim deed)	80.00
Iowa	Morning Sun and Columbus City.....	50.00
Illinois	Farmington Church (renewal)	100.00
Pittsburgh	Lakeland, Fla. (when proper papers are filled out and filed)	100.00
North Dakota	Fargo (renewal)	250.00
Western Canada	Bruce and Philips circuit.....	100.00
Oregon	Madras Society (when proper papers are filled out and filed).....	100.00
Total		\$3,870.00
Other expenses		250.00
Grand total		\$4,120.00

ANNUAL MEETING OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD

REV. THOMAS B. ARNOLD, President REV. DAVID S. WARNER.
 REV. J. B. LUTZ, Recording Secretary REV. S. H. PORTERFIELD
 REV. WILLIAM B. OLMSTEAD, G. B. LAMBERT
 General Secretary and Evangelist MRS. ELLA S. CLARK

Three sittings were held in the library at the publishing house.

All the members of the Board were present.

As a result of the deliberations of the Board the following paper was unanimously adopted:

The General Sunday-school Board reaffirms its position that the Sunday-school provides the greatest opportunity in the Free Methodist church for large and successful gospel endeavor. The salvation of the children and young people can be made possible here as in no other department of our work. New societies can be formed, and those already established can be increased through the medium of the Sunday-school as in no other way.

With all the church has done along this line we are yet only half awake to the possibilities of this branch of our denominational work. The rapid growth and development of the Sunday-school work in the various denominations during the last decade demands that we advance with them, or there will be, shortly, no place for us. We should not only desire the salvation of the children, but that desire should provide means and methods for the greatest possible success in bringing them to Christ.

This day demands an up-to-date Sunday-school, both in organization and equipment. The methods of other years are not sufficient for us now. We must constantly revise our literature and plan of operation in order to hold our position in reaching the young.

In order to present our views in a more practical way and to note some ways in particular, in which we can improve the Sunday-school work in the Free Methodist church, we would urge the following:

1. The publication of a Sunday-school paper for our young people, as soon as it is deemed practicable.
2. The publication of a quarterly for the Juniors.
3. Pushing the Sunday-school missionary work just as quickly as the means and workers can be secured.
4. We would emphasize in all our schools the importance of Decision day and its opportunity for the conversion of the children.
5. We would heartily endorse the Supplemental work for the Sunday-school, as prepared by the General Sunday-school secretary, and urge its use by all our Sunday-schools.
6. The organization of Teacher Training classes. Good religion and deep piety are essential to teaching, but that is not enough. *We must train our teachers for the special work of teaching.*
7. We would urge the immediate installment of the new Sunday-school libraries recently provided by our publishing agent. Under his immediate direction and supervision the books in these libraries have been selected and our Sunday-schools can feel assured that they all afford safe reading for our children and young people.
8. We would urge the organization of singing classes for the cultivation of vocal music, as a means to the improvement of this important feature of the Sunday-school.
9. We commend our General Secretary for his special evangelistic work in the Sunday-school during the past year, and note with pleasure the effect of the same as indicated in the correspondence of our brethren from those sections of the work where he has been employed.
10. We call for a heartier cooperation of the Conference Secretaries with the General Board and the General Secretary in enlisting our people in a more aggressive effort in this great work.

BOARD OF CHARITIES AND BENEVOLENCES

This Board consists of the members of the General Missionary Board and Superintendents of the Gerry and Woodstock Homes.

The annual meeting of the above named Board was held at the Free Methodist Publishing House, 1132 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, Tuesday, October 15, 1912, at 1:30 p. m.

Bishop William Pearce, President, called the meeting to order and presided.

Mrs. M. M. Robinson offered prayer.

Roll was called and eighteen members responded to their names.

Reports were received from the Gerry and Woodstock homes.

Bishop W. A. Sellw, President and Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Gerry Charitable Institution, in the absence of J. K. Wilson, Superintendent of said home, gave a verbal report of the institution and its work, and requested the privilege of sending a written report to the Secretary to be placed on file. His report was received and request granted.

T. B. Arnold gave a brief report of the Old People's Rest Home located at Woodstock, Illinois. On motion his report was received and the Board approved of his sending in a more detailed report to the Secretary after the annual meeting in November, such report to be placed on file.

T. B. Arnold, Superintendent of the Chicago Industrial Home for Children, located at Woodstock, Illinois, gave a report of this part of the work. His report was received and permission given him to send in to the Secretary a more detailed report after the annual meeting in November for the Secretary to place on file.

A committee of three, consisting of W. A. Sellw, T. B. Arnold and W. B. Olmstead, was appointed to consider the charitable institutions of the church

and recommend to this Board next year the districts within which each institution may properly make appeals and receive help for their work, and that the result of this committee's action be given to each Superintendent of each institution, as a matter of information.

W. T. Hogue, a committee to visit Woodstock Homes during the past year, made his report. On motion it was received.

William Pearce, a committee to visit the Gerry Home, made his report. On motion it was received.

On motion it was ordered to have a committee to visit the Gerry and Woodstock Homes during the coming year.

W. T. Hogue was appointed a committee to visit the Gerry Home. B. Winget was appointed to visit the Woodstock Home.

The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

On motion adjourned.

W. W. VINSON, Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

General Missionary Board

OF THE

Free Methodist Church of North America

MEMBERS

BISHOP WALTER A. SELLEW, <i>President</i>	REV. H. L. CROCKETT (First District)
BISHOP BURTON R. JONES	MRS. ELLA S. CLARK (First District)
BISHOP WILLIAM PEARCE	REV. S. H. PORTERFIELD (Third District)
BISHOP WILSON T. HOGUE	PETER WHITE (Third District)
REV. BENJAMIN WINGET,	REV. W. W. VINSON (Fifth District)
<i>Missionary Secretary</i>	REV. T. B. ARNOLD (Fifth District)
REV. W. B. OLMSTEAD (Second District)	MRS. MARY M. ROBINSON
W. J. BARNES (Second District)	(W. F. M. S.)
REV. W. D. COCHRAN (Fourth District)	MRS. EMMA F. SHAY (W. F. M. S.)
C. W. ARCHER (Fourth District)	MRS. ADELAIDE L. BEERS (W. F. M. S.)
REV. W. N. COFFEE (Sixth District)	MRS. MARY L. COLEMAN
J. G. BAIRD (Sixth District)	(W. F. M. S.)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

B. WINGET, Secretary	BISHOP WALTER A. SELLEW, <i>President</i>
BISHOP W. T. HOGUE	BISHOP B. R. JONES
REV. W. B. OLMSTEAD	BISHOP WILLIAM PEARCE
	MRS. MARY L. COLEMAN.

The General Missionary Board met pursuant to a notice published in the *Free Methodist*, at the Free Methodist Publishing House, 1132 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, Wednesday, October 9, 1912, at 10 a. m.

The President, Bishop Walter A. Sellaw, called the meeting to order and presided, and by request of the President, B. Winget, Missionary Secretary, conducted the devotional exercises, which consisted of singing hymn No. 109 of the hymnal and the reading of the 60th chapter of Isaiah; also prayer by B. Winget and the Lord's prayer repeated in concert.

The roll was called, and the following members answered to their names: Walter A. Sellaw, Wilson T. Hogue, William Pearce, B. Winget, Ella S. Clark, W. B. Olmstead, S. H. Porterfield, Peter White, W. D. Cochran, W. W. Vinson, T. B. Arnold, W. N. Coffee, J. G. Baird, Mary L. Coleman, Emma F. Shay, Mary M. Robinson.

Mrs. Adelaide L. Beers was excused from attendance at this sitting on account of sickness.

The order of business was taken up.

B. Winget, Missionary Secretary, read his annual report on the foreign missionary work as follows, and he also read the report on home missions:

MISSIONARY SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

The hearty attention of our people to the Savior's direction to lift up your eyes and look on the fields, and their manifestations of loving self-sacrifice, show a commendable interest in the work of world-wide evangelization. Toward this, as the climax, should all of the plans and activities of the church

tend. There is danger of our people losing sight of the relative importance of the various lines of work committed to us, and thus manifest a perversion, which may hinder spirituality and power. A fundamental principle of the administration of the divine government everywhere is, "Them that honor me, I will honor."

Pentecost experiences bring clear visions of the fulness of privileges, responsibilities, as well as blessings of God's people. These enlarged Peter out of his narrow Judaism, sent a converted Saul of Tarsus to the uttermost parts of the earth, and scattered the saints everywhere with their tongues of fire and hearts of love to kindle revival flames. Doubtless the superlative need among us is intensified spirituality, and a more general and effective exercise of the spirit of prevailing prayer. These involve a thorough consecration of service and means for the spread of the glorious gospel in all lands, such as was expressed by Peter Gossner in the following directions given to those whom he aided in going to the foreign field, "Believe, love, pray, burn, waken the dead. Up! Up! my brethren, the Lord is at hand, and to everyone He will say, 'Where hast thou left the souls of the heathen? With the devil? Oh! Swiftly flee to their rescue and come not without them into the presence of thy Lord.'"

Last year urgent appeals were made throughout the denomination for funds to cancel the indebtedness of our Board, which resulted in the accomplishment of this exceedingly important object, and not only so, but the stream of benevolence which was enlarged then has had an overflow into this year's funds of over \$2,000. Although there has been a falling behind in receipts the last year, of \$3,519.15, yet we are now owing of borrowed money only about \$500. We have on hand in the missionary treasury about \$13,501.50. We have sent to the foreign countries on first quarter's allowances \$5,187.04. Adding this to the amount on hand, \$13,501.50, makes a total of \$18,688.54. Deducting from this \$500 we have borrowed from the Contingent Fund of the Woman's General Treasury, leaves a balance from which to pay the appropriations of next year of \$18,188.54.

At the annual meeting, October, 1911, there was reported in the annuities account, uninvested, \$12,660. According to the action of the Board, as given in the record of the Board of Directors, Vol. 2, page 49, \$5,000 of this was invested, and the balance, \$7,660, was reserved as a working fund for use during the third and fourth quarters, as might be needed. If we deduct from the \$18,188.54, \$7,660, it will leave a balance on hand to pay the allowances for the coming year of only \$10,528.54. Last year the balance on hand to pay the appropriations for 1911-1912, after paying the appropriations for 1910-1911, was \$6,837.81. So we have a balance of \$3,690.73 more to apply on appropriations for 1912-1913 than we had to apply on appropriations at the beginning of last year, if we do not include the money available from the annuities account. Including this money, \$7,660, we had of available funds for paying appropriations at the beginning of last year, \$3,969.27 more than we have for paying appropriations for this year. We also borrowed from the Woman's Contingent Fund \$500. Adding this to the \$3,969.27, makes \$4,469.27 more of available funds last year than we have for this year.

As there has been received the past year from wills, \$1,530.51, which has not been designated for special purposes, would it not be well for the Board to take action and set this apart as the beginning of a working fund of \$10,000 to be used permanently for this purpose? By taking like action in regard to money which may come into the treasury from wills and lapsed annuities, doubtless in a few years this fund may be increased to \$10,000. Also, will it not be well to retain the \$7,660, money from the annuities account last year, or a part of it, for use as a part of a working fund for this year?

The importance of using additional means and agencies in order to meet the imperative needs of this superlatively important work has been repeatedly emphasized. The falling behind in receipts the past year adds emphasis to this need. Our schools and our Children's and Old People's Homes send out many agents, who, in various ways, and continually make appeals to our people, and

to others. Why should not this work, which includes in it the greatest responsibilities, as well as the most exalted privileges of the church have a larger provision of means and agencies in order to have greater results? An effective financial agent, doubtless, could greatly help this work by applying himself to securing legacies and annuities by making personal appeals.

Some special testings have come to our work during the past year. It has become necessary for some of our missionaries to return to the home land because of poor health. Others have returned because of provision made by the Board for their furloughs. Two, whom we sent out to Japan, were seriously injured by the electric cars.

We now have several persons on the foreign field, who are incapacitated for their work on account of sickness.

The Revolution in China has been very testing to our work and workers on that field. A great fire in Osaka, Japan, imperiled our mission, but a protecting Providence brought signal deliverance.

I judge that our work in Africa has had more manifest fruit the past year than in any year of its history. Especially encouraging fruit has crowned the labors of our workers in India.

The Missionary Bishop was given a very hearty welcome by our workers in India and Africa, and his and his wife's labors have been highly appreciated and fruitful in results.

Because of a change of policy in relation to our work in India and Africa, I suppose it is expected that the report of the Missionary Bishop will take the place of your Secretary's report in regard to those countries; therefore, I do not present to you at this time my usual report in regard to our work in India and Africa.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

In accordance with the action of the Board last year, Miss Nellie M. Whiffen, and Rev. Edwin H. and Mrs. Edwin H. Stayt went out to this field about the beginning of the year. After receiving information that Miss Eva Whiffen, Nellie's sister, would go out to the Dominican Republic with our missionaries, providing the Directors of the Board were willing to pay her expenses to the field, I wrote to the Directors, and they gave their consent for me to pay her expenses, amounting to about \$80, and she accompanied them. It was understood that if her expenses were paid to the field, she would not ask the Board to provide her support. I think she has been rendering very efficient help in the mission, and the work is encouraging.

Some months ago Sister Nellie Whiffen organized a class consisting of five native converts. The faith and hope of our workers is good, and they are expecting great things from the Lord.

The efforts of your Secretary to raise a fund of \$2,000 for the purchase of property on that field has been very successful. Already he has secured \$1,700 in cash. This has been used by Brother Stayt in purchasing one lot, and in buying lumber. Already the foundation for a church has been laid. The balance, I expect, will be used for the purchase of an additional lot. A chart, showing the location of the lot purchased was sent me, and I judge it is well located. Brother Mills rendered Brother Stayt some assistance in securing the property. The purpose of our missionaries is to proceed with building operations as soon as possible, thereby making provision for cutting off the payment of rents for the buildings they now occupy. When this matter was brought before the Board and it was stated that about \$2,000 would be needed for the purchase of property, sufficient information had not been secured so as to speak positively in regard to the funds necessary. After thorough investigation, and getting figures on the part of Brother Stayt, he now reports that it is imperatively necessary that they have at least \$2,500 to make the necessary provisions for a place for the missionaries to live and also a chapel for nightly services. I judge I have about, or quite this amount secured in good, reliable subscriptions, however, should there be any lack in the amount secured, enough

more may soon be provided to make the \$2,500. Because of the representations from the missionaries of the need of this amount, your Secretary has asked, in the list of appropriations, for \$500 more for this work.

The annual report of Rev. Philo W. Drury, Superintendent of the United Brethren Missions in Porto Rico, states that about a year ago he and a Brother Huffman, visited the island of Santo Domingo, and were impressed with the great spiritual needs of the island, which has a territory several times that of Porto Rico. The result of their visit was that they recommended that the Mission Board of the United Brethren Church, at its next session, take up the question of establishing missionary work in Santo Domingo. This recommendation was unanimously adopted by the Mission Board in Porto Rico. Having seen this announcement in regard to their action, I wrote to the General Secretary of the United Brethren Church, and gave him some information in regard to the location of our work and workers on the south side of the island, and in regard to the work which had already been done, and received an acknowledgement to my letter, with thanks for the information given. In view of the conditions and facts, it seems to be a very wise course, which has been pursued by our Board, in sending out a few missionaries now to that field and making provision for a permanent work.

In a letter received from Brother Stayt, dated March 28th, he writes as follows: "We would be glad to welcome one or two more workers (missionaries from home) to this field next fall. It will be a great day for us when we get our own buildings up on our own ground and can offer therein to the children of converts and to cleanly, well-disposed youth, a school which will be apart from the surrounding vice. When the buildings are up, two or more workers will be needed. If they were here to be learning the language, it would be so much better." In a recent letter, Nellie Whiffen has made urgent request that Miss Newton be sent out this fall. I think the prospect for our work in the Dominican Republic is brighter than ever, and I trust that the great Husbandman will give abundant blessing on that very needy field, making it blossom as the rose.

JAPAN

I am glad to report that our work in Japan is still in a very encouraging condition, notwithstanding the testings through which it has passed since our last Annual Meeting. Apparently, the great fire would have destroyed some of our buildings, had it not been for Divine protection. The sad accidents, which injured two workers, who were sent out; the death of Brother and Sister Klein's child, together with her sickness necessitating her return home at this time, have been a trial to the work, especially because of a lack of needed missionaries on the field. At one time during the year Brother Kawabe's health seemed to be in jeopardy, but I am pleased to report that he is better, and I hope now is usually well. It would be a great weakening to our Mission to lose his services.

There is an imperative need of adding to the laborers on this field as soon as possible. This need is emphasized because of the return of Brother and Sister Klein. Your Secretary, in accordance with your direction, has endeavored to secure a desirable man and wife for the Training School at Osaka. However, his efforts have not been successful. At times he has thought desirable persons were secured, only to be disappointed. It is to be hoped that in the near future Brother and Sister Youngren can return, and this will greatly add to the strength of our mission. I am also praying and expecting that other needed workers will be provided by the Lord of the harvest. At present there is an application from a man and his wife, who are willing to go out to that field, which I expect will be brought before you for your consideration.

A plan has been sent in to your Secretary from our missionaries in Japan, looking toward the evolution and establishment of a native, self-supporting, self-governing Japanese church. This plan will be brought before you at this

meeting for your consideration and action. There are different questions of importance in relation to our work on this field which need wise action at this time. I am pleased to report that nearly \$1,000 has been collected on the field for the work during the past year. Evidently the special needs of the work at this time are, both in the home land and on the foreign field, greater faith with an increasing spirit of supplication for the work, also more laborers and wise direction, which will secure more abundant results for the enlargement and triumph of the Redeemer's Kingdom. The spirit of love, helpfulness and unity between the missionaries and the Japanese workers, as well as the Christians, speaks well for greater success.

It seems to be imperatively necessary for larger allowances to be made to supply the needs of our workers. Information sent by some of our workers in regard to this matter, will be presented for your consideration. The growth and development of this work naturally brings before you new questions for wise solution. It is to be hoped that the Holy Spirit will give direction in all of these matters, that God may be glorified, the kingdom advanced, and multiplied sheaves be garnered for the great ingathering harvest.

CHINA

Wonderful are the changes which have taken place in China during the past year. She seems to be awaking thoroughly from her sleep of ages gone by. Doubtless these changes are the results of the providences of God, which, though they may have worked slow, have been working for her deliverance from darkness, idolatry and superstition. These changes, which have been brought about in a short time, through the marvelous Revolution, have brought special testings to our work and added expenses to our treasury. The Revolution necessitated our missionaries leaving their stations and going to Shanghai. Because of this, the work has not been carried on as formerly, and when the missionaries returned to their fields, a short time ago, they found conditions changed and prospects different. It should be a source of thanksgiving that the recent uprising and Revolution in China has not been accompanied with that spirit of hatred and revenge toward the foreigners, including the missionaries, which characterized the Boxer Rebellion. Probably the change, which has taken place politically and governmentally, in connection with the Revolution, has opened a wider door for missionary work, and will result in facilitating rather than hindering the progress of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

The present settled conditions of the Government and people have opened the way for the return of our missionaries to their stations. Because of sickness, several of them have returned to the home land, and the missionaries make request for reinforcements.

Our orphanage at Tsing Kiang Pu has been especially affected by the uprising of the people. At such times unprincipled Chinamen, robbers, thieves, etc., take occasion to commit their depredations. Brother Schlosser, who is in charge of the orphanage work, fears it will not be safe to have the boys out of the city at present, and, therefore, he and the missionaries have requested that provisions be made for them to be in the city.

Arrangements were made for Dr. Grinnell and wife to leave for China about the middle of last month, and I suppose they have gone to that field. Their coming will be hailed with great joy by the missionaries.

Our workers in China are worthy of commendation for their patience, courage, and faith in the midst of very trying experiences during the Revolution.

Because of the length of time it takes for new missionaries to get the language, not only in China, but in other countries, it is a wise policy, as far as possible, to have reinforcements sent to the different fields in time to give them opportunity for the study of the language before accepting responsibilities which will hinder them in its acquisition.

MISSIONARY SECRETARY'S PERSONAL REPORT

I have spent a large portion of my time in field work. Have labored in a dozen or more different states. Have attended four camp meetings, district meetings, conventions, etc. Held four conferences, secured for purchasing property in the Dominican Republic about \$2,500, and have raised money for other purposes. Have traveled over 10,979 miles.

B. WINGET.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

You will recollect that at our annual meeting last year action was taken favorably to doing home missionary work among the Italians at Hulburton, near Albion, New York, and also in regard to work among Spanish-speaking people. It was suggested that a school be established among Spanish boys in or near Los Angeles, California. It was further directed that an effort be made to distribute Bibles among the Indian population near Moosejaw, Saskatchewan, Canada.

In accordance with the action of the Board, a Sister Teresa Tocci, from Tarentum, Pennsylvania, was secured for work among the Italians. Because of certain trying and unfavorable circumstances, she did not remain long on the field, and therefore but little work was done among that people. Your Secretary has put forth some effort to secure another worker, but has not succeeded.

An investigation was made by Brothers Olmstead and Freeland in regard to the prospect of successfully starting a school among the Spanish-speaking children at, or near, Los Angeles. The report of these brethren was not favorable and no definite steps have been taken to this end.

Your Secretary has had considerable correspondence in relation to the distribution of Bibles among the Indians at Moosejaw. He has very recently received a letter from Peter McGregor, who is in charge of the Manitoba and Saskatchewan Bible Society, auxiliary of the Foreign Bible Society and of the Canadian Bible Society. Their place of business is at Winnipeg, Manitoba. He says that they supply the New Testament to the Sioux and Ojibwa Indians, which are the class living at Moosejaw, and he thinks their Testaments have been sent to these people in reply to past requests, and if they are not provided with Scriptures at present, they will supply them by request.

Another letter just received from Brother Wees states that they have an Indian woman of the Sioux nation tribe there, a devoted Christian, and Sister Wees is going to try to arrange with her to do missionary work among the Sioux.

I think the field among the Italians is a very needy one. Through us, as a church, some good work has been done among them. There is a young Italian attending God's Bible School at Cincinnati, Ohio, with whom I have had correspondence with reference to the work at Hulburton. I understand he is a member of our church. He may be available for our work later.

I am not informed as to a desirable opening for starting a school among Spanish-speaking boys.

At a meeting of the Directors held last January, I read letters to them concerning our commencing work among the mountain whites of Kentucky and Tennessee. These letters informed us that a Dr. Moore, who is also a preacher, and who has recently joined the Kentucky and Tennessee conference, felt called to labor among these people, and had been appointed thereto by the conference, and request was made that the Missionary Board make an appropriation for the work. Previously he had labored some among the mountain whites.

As we have some money on hand from a legacy for Home Missions, and some of our people seem to be especially interested in this work, doubtless it will be best to consider how we may more wisely and successfully make use of means and agencies for the deepening and spreading of the work of the kingdom in the home land.

From information I have received from Dr. Moore, it looks as though there is no more needy field, and perhaps no part of the South which is likely to be as fruitful in results, as work among the mountain whites. I have not time, in this report, to give you some of the most important facts in relation to it, for your consideration. This will be brought before you later. I think Dr. Moore is available for work among that class of people. In my opinion, if we take up work among the mountain whites our first work should be evangelistic, and this should be supplemented by schools as needs may require. Evangelization first, schools second.

For over a year the Home Missions Council, which is interdenominational and has associated with it most of the Protestant denominations, has been putting forth remarkable efforts and expending a large amount of money in order to bring before the churches the present religious conditions in our own land and the need of more thorough and well directed evangelistic efforts on the part of all denominations to give the gospel to the people of our country. I doubt if ever in the history of the United States the churches have put forth such a thorough and extensive effort to know the conditions and needs of the people religiously as has been done by the Home Missions Council. The intention of this is to bring before the churches, their boards, and the people, the need of evangelization in our own land and the possibilities that are inviting the sowers to scatter more broad-cast the seed and the reapers to put in the sickle and gather the waiting, wasting harvest. Hundreds of the posters prepared by this council have been sent by your Secretary through the Home Missions Council to our pastors. No doubt the facts given in these posters will greatly enlighten our pastors and people, and, as truth or facts are the fuel which makes the fire of zeal glow more intensely, therefore good results will be manifest. Your Secretary has taken the responsibility to send on \$25 to aid the Council in making a Survey of Neglected Fields. A further request has been made that our Board appropriate, according to its ability, \$100 more to meet the large expense connected with the work which is being done so extensively by this movement. It is to be hoped that you will give this matter a careful and prayerful consideration. The knowledge which has been gained, and its dissemination throughout the churches by the efforts of the Home Missions Council should produce very beneficent and gratifying results.

B. WINGET.

Report of J. S. MacGeary, Missionary Bishop to Africa and India, was read as follows:

REPORT OF MISSIONARY BISHOP JOHN S. MACGEARY

TO THE GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD:

Dear Brethren and Sisters—I herewith submit to you my report for the time I have been on the field. Immediately after the adjournment of the Missionary Board, last October, we made our arrangements to sail for the field to which the General Conference had assigned us. We left New York City on the Steamer "New York," on Saturday, November 11, and reached London on the following Saturday night. On the following Friday we left London on the Steamer "Persia." After the usual experiences of landsmen on seaboard, we reached Bombay, India, on Friday, December 15. On the following Wednesday, December 20, we were heartily welcomed to our mission station at Yeotmal by the missionaries and native Christians at that station.

Saturday, December 23, the usual series of meetings held by the India missionaries during the holiday season began, and continued until Sabbath, January 7. During this time it was my privilege to preach most of the time twice each day through an interpreter in the morning to the Indian people, and in the evening to the missionaries and some English-speaking natives who usually attended. God was pleased to pour out His Spirit during these meetings, and much good was done. On the last Sabbath of the meetings sixteen united with the church on probation, and two in full connection. The entire native church

was much quickened, some who had never sought the Lord before were saved, a number of backsliders were reclaimed, and several sought and found the experience of entire sanctification.

Immediately after the closing of this series of meetings we began a series of visits to the different stations on this field. At Wun and at Darwha we spent a Sabbath, attending the Marathi Sabbath-school and public service at each place in the morning. On each of these occasions Brother Taylor preached in Marathi in the morning. In the evening at each place I preached in the bungalow to the missionaries and a small company of Indians who could understand English. At both Wun and Darwha they have interesting day schools and Sabbath-schools, and in both places there was an interest shown by the adult natives by attendance at the vernacular service. After our Sabbath at Darwha an official who had attended the Sabbath evening service soon after called on the missionaries and requested them to secure for him a Bible. He also requested for himself and others that the "Bishop Sahib" or the "Taylor Sahib" return and give them some more "lectures."

Umbri is a new station just opened in the geographical center of the Taluk, containing over 400 villages and about 110,000 population. Digris is also a new place where ground has just lately been secured for the erection of a mission house. Wun and Digris are both large towns and there is in each place a weekly bazaar attended by thousands of people, giving an excellent opportunity to preach the gospel to multitudes who come from the surrounding villages. Darwha is also a large town, and the people there are becoming interested in the truth. The missionaries have shown excellent judgment and foresight in planting our stations in these centers of population and strategic points for the time to come.

We also visited the Central conference of the Methodist Episcopal church for southern Asia, held in the city of Baroda. This was a large and representative gathering of missionaries and leaders in missionary work in that church in India, Burma and the Philippine Islands. Brother Taylor accompanied us on this visit. We were shown every possible courtesy by the bishops and by the members of the conference. Seeing what God had wrought for them and through them was to me a very great source of encouragement and inspiration for our own work. I have sent copies of the journal of proceedings to the president and secretary of the board.

Our last visit in India was to Mukti Mission at Kedgaon, the home of Pandita Ramabai, and her work. We spent several days, including a Sabbath, there and I was accorded the privilege of preaching four times. The work that Ramabai has built up here is certainly marvelous, and is a striking illustration of what God will do when He can find one who will venture all on Him. But the spiritual and industrial features of her work are well worth careful study.

While the work in India moves slowly, there are signs of encouragement. The children are coming to our day schools and Sabbath-schools in the villages; a spirit of inquiry is manifest among the people; many are saying that they have lost faith in their gods, and that they believe in and worship our Jesus, but fear of the results of breaking caste hinders them from openly confessing Christ; but the reaping time is coming. Most of our boys and girls in our orphanages are saved; some of them are marrying, and are going out and establishing Christian homes of their own; some are actively engaged in the work of teaching and in giving the gospel to their own people as evangelists and Bible women. As will be seen from the report of Miss Southworth accompanying my report, with one exception, all employed in teaching in the girls' school at Yeotmal, are of our own girls who have been trained for the work. Others are in training, and in a short time we will be able to furnish all our own teachers from among the boys and girls we have trained. We have at Yeotmal a native Indian church of nearly 75 members, which supports its own pastor. At Wun, at Darwha and at Umbri, respectively, we have a young man and his wife engaged in the work who were brought up in our orphanages at Yeotmal.

There are several things to which I wish to call special attention:

INDUSTRIAL WORK

I think we have not grasped, as we should in the past, the importance of this branch of our work in India.

Our boys and girls in the orphanages are not only growing up, *most of them are grown up*. They must soon begin to provide for themselves. They must, and will soon, also make homes of their own. In the natural course of events they will marry and homes will follow. A Christian community in Yeotmal, it seems to me, would be a very great benefit to us in the advancement of our work. We do not want our boys and girls to be obliged to depend upon coolie labor to support themselves. The community we need must be composed of something more than coolies and sweepers. In order that our boys and girls shall be something more than coolies we must give them some kind of *industrial training*. But to give them proper training we must have an industrial department that does practical work. It will not do simply to give the boys training that will enable them to make things that are pretty and interesting to look at. We must give them a practical training in trades and work that are practical and useful. I find that this is the view that is taken of the matter by the missionaries and workers of other boards. This is the type of work that Brother Casberg has been seeking to introduce in the industrial department since he has been in charge.

I am satisfied that if such a department is carefully managed it may not only be made self-sustaining, but made to more than pay expenses. Just before leaving India, Brother Taylor and myself, in company with Brother Casberg, went carefully over the books of the industrial department, and I considered the showing that Brother Casberg made was excellent. Taking account of stock on hand, contracts finished for which money had not yet been paid, he had not only paid expenses, but was ahead. I think if his health permits and he can be continued in charge of this department, he will make it a permanent benefit to our work. The government officials are beginning to come to us to get work done, and if we can equip our industrial department so as to turn out good work at reasonable prices there is no reason why we may not be able to get most of the government work in the district. I wish to express my strong personal conviction that Brother Casberg is the right man in the right place in charge of that work. He is a practical mechanic and builder; he has the confidence and respect of the boys, and of the government officials. It seems a great misfortune that just at this time he is obliged to stop and take a rest. His physical condition, however, renders this imperative.

Regarding the matter of separating the industrial department from the control of the missionaries and placing it entirely in the hands of the manager of that department: I find that there is a great deal of dissatisfaction with the plan on the part of the missionaries in general. Brother Casberg, who is now in charge, agrees with the other missionaries that it is not the best plan. From some representations made to me while on the field I am disposed to take the view of the missionaries in regard to the matter, and would recommend that the former conditions be restored.

This, however, must be made clear, and I have endeavored to make it clear to all the missionaries on the field, that whoever is in charge of that department must in many things be given a free hand to do as his judgment dictates. In the matter of taking contracts, making prices for work, furnishing estimates, hiring necessary help to get work done, or to train the boys, he could not in every instance wait for a meeting of the missionaries to be called before going ahead. In such matters, however, as erecting buildings for the department, installing new machinery, engaging in new enterprises of any kind involving the outlay of large sums of money, it would be expected that he would always consult with the missionaries. It would be in order for him at all times to consult with the superintendent of the field at Yeotmal so that they together might share the responsibility in matters that were of more than ordinary importance.

There is no doubt that Yeotmal will continue to be an important point in that district, more so in the years to come than in the past. There will be a demand

for good work, and some one must meet the demand. If we can install a plant that will do such work we may be able to meet the demand and secure much of the work. If we would comply with certain conditions prescribed by it, the government would give us a grant to equip a plant, but it will be much better for us in the end to build up slowly, as we can, and not be under government control. Other missions that have tried it have found that it did not work well in the end. It would be a great source of gladness to myself and others if all the boys and girls we now have in our orphanages in India would turn out evangelists, teachers or workers, but only a part of them ever will. What shall we do for the rest of them? To me it appears that the industrial department, made a real industrial establishment and doing practical work, will, to a great extent, solve this question.

BUILDINGS

A new schoolhouse is under construction in Yeotmal. This is a much needed improvement in our work there—indeed it is a necessity if we do the work that we ought to do. A site has recently been secured for a chapel building within the bounds of the city proper. The missionaries are entitled to much credit for securing the funds, rupees 1,800, for the purchase of this property without drawing upon the funds of the treasury. This represents much sacrifice upon their part, and upon the part of the native Christians as well. Some improvements and enlargements have also been made upon the girls' quarters.

The large bungalow at Yeotmal is in good condition and is a great blessing to our work there. The bungalow at the boys' orphanage is in bad condition. I think it is not saying too much to say that it is in an unsafe condition. Owing to imperfect foundation work in construction, the walls have settled, and large cracks have opened in the building, which may cause it to collapse. It must be rebuilt, and proper foundations put in. Doubtless the missionaries in their annual meeting will ask for an appropriation for this purpose. The other buildings are in good condition except the building composing the cook house, store room, and tonga shed at Wun. The white ants have so worked in this that it is in danger of falling down. An appropriation will doubtless be asked for this as well. The cause of the difficulty in each of these cases is faulty construction. A few rupees were saved at the time, but now a heavy extra expense must be met. I would here emphasize the importance of these buildings being well constructed when rebuilt. A competent builder should have oversight of the work so that it may be done properly.

NEEDS OF THE FIELD

More workers are needed. The work is insufficiently manned now. If serious illness should require the return of one of the missionaries or of a man and his wife, or if death should invade our ranks there, a serious condition would confront us. At least a man and wife are imperatively needed at once. A medical missionary would be of great benefit to our India work, and a dispensary in Yeotmal could be made practically self-supporting in a few years. Not only is there no opposition to the work of the medical missionary in India, but the authorities and English physicians welcome them.

In concluding my report on India, I wish to say that, in my opinion, there is no field to-day where we have missionaries working where the opportunity and outlook for the future are so great as in India. In the Yeotmal district we have 500,000 people untouched with the gospel except as we have touched them. No other missionaries are near us. That field we have to ourselves, and we could have more could we enter it. No questions of crowding, overlapping or comity hinder us from perfect freedom in missionary work. Are we entering into our opportunity as a church in that land as we should?

AFRICA

On April 16th, after three weeks of tossings to and fro, more or less, on the Indian ocean, we landed at Durban, Africa. On the following Sabbath I

preached for the first time in Africa, and since that time have been "going." My object was, if possible, to reach all the stations in the African field so that from a personal observation of the work at each I might be able to speak of conditions in making my report. I have succeeded in reaching all the stations and spending from a few days to three weeks at each point, as the exigencies of the work demanded, or my time would allow. I do not pretend as yet to have a comprehensive knowledge of the work, but give you herewith my impressions of the work as I have seen it.

FAIR VIEW

This, as you are aware, is our oldest station in the Natal field. We have here our largest and most flourishing work. The membership reported at this point last year was 89 in full connection, and 40 on probation. Just about the time of our arrival, a gracious spirit of revival was poured out on this station and on Magog, one of the out-stations. Over 100 persons professed to be saved during the meetings. Many of these were young people from our schools at this place, but some of them were raw heathen from the kraals. At a tent meeting held at a new point since the meetings closed at the station, several more have been converted, and a class of about 15 organized.

FAIR VIEW GIRLS' HOME AND SCHOOL

The attendance at the school during the year has been good. The work done meets with the approval of the government inspectors. The spiritual influence has been excellent. In the revival, to which reference has been made, the girls of the school took a prominent part. Some of them were wonderfully used of God in the work. On one or two occasions the spirit of prayer was upon the girls so that prayer was continued all night. On other occasions the regular exercises of the school had to be suspended from the same cause. As you will see by the report of Miss Allen, the revival at Fair View was doubtless largely due to the prayers of some of the girls in the school.

ITEMBA

Miss Hartman is the very efficient missionary in charge of this station. Miss Cretors, one of our associate missionaries, who has been assisting her the past year, is an excellent worker. The membership on this station ranks second on the field, and there is a steady advancement in the work. On the occasion of my visit there there were several seeking the Lord. There are eight out-stations, and two evangelists and two teachers are constantly employed.

EDWALENI

The station and school have both, the past year, been under the charge of Rev. N. B. Ghormley, principal of the Edwaleni school, so I shall speak of them both together. At the station there has been a spirit of revival during the year, and notwithstanding some adverse influences operating against the work, some have been saved, and the work is on the upgrade. The school attendance has increased. It is hoped soon to have government aid for the school.

At the training school about 25 students (boys) in addition to six of the evangelists from Natal and Pondoland have been in attendance during the year. Brother Ghormley has been much burdened with building operations. These are about completed now, and it is hoped that with liberty from these, he may be able to devote more energy to the school.

Regarding buildings at the training school: With the chapel and school-room completed, we have buildings to answer the needs of the school for a much larger attendance than we now have or may expect for some years to come, and I would recommend that no more money be appropriated to that school for buildings for some time to come.

GREENVILLE

Greenville was our first station occupied in Pondoland. For the past four years Rev. A. M. Anderson has been in charge of this station, ably assisted by his capable wife, Mrs. Mary Damon Anderson. The work at this station is in an encouraging condition. During the year the attendance at the schools has almost doubled, and the membership of the church has been materially increased. If the money is forthcoming to enable the missionary in charge to carry out the forward movement planned, we may look for increased blessing on all lines of work at this station during the coming year. During our visit there we were permitted to preach to a goodly number of raw heathen and to see some of them seeking the Lord.

CRITCHLOW

This is the last station opened in our South African work. The time of the missionary in charge, Rev. J. P. Brodhead, has been much taken up with the necessary preliminaries, such as getting the buildings in shape, making improvements and enlargements and arranging for out-stations for the prosecution of the work.

During the past year some friction arose with the missionary in charge of the adjoining Baptist work. A conference on comity was called for (or, we suppose it was to be such). We went to see if some mutual understanding could be arrived at whereby we might work in harmony. The meeting, however, developed into an effort on the part of the Baptists to prove that we had no right in the field. For a time the situation looked a little serious, and we hardly knew what to do, but we finally decided to attend to our own business and leave results with God. We are doing so, and are trying to arrange for aggressive work there as never before. It now looks as though the way was open before us there as it has not been in the past.

I am sorry to report that the health of Brother Brodhead during the last few months has not been good. His condition became so serious that the physician consulted advised a complete rest for six months to avoid the danger of a complete and permanent collapse. To add to the seriousness of conditions, within the last month, Mrs. Brodhead has developed dangerous symptoms requiring her removal to Durban for treatment. Miss LaBarr has been placed at Critchlow to supply the work in the interval, and a competent assistant sent to her aid.

INHAMBANE

On account of being obliged to meet the committee here to consider requests for appropriations, I was only able to spend a little over two weeks in the Inhambane field. During that time I made two trips some distance into the interior and endeavored to get as full a knowledge of the work as I could in the time at my command. I saw enough to convert me to the opinion that here is our most promising field for future missionary operations in Africa. We are much more isolated from the missionary work of other boards than in the Natal field, and there is a much larger native population.

We have been having some trouble with the local Portuguese authorities in the district, but hope for a peaceable solution of all these difficulties. In one district the Commandant had forbidden our evangelists to hold any religious services, even in the native language, and had threatened to arrest them if he found them praying in the woods. This was persecution pure and simple, as the law guarantees them the right to hold religious services in either the native or Portuguese language. While at Inhambane, Brother Smith and I visited one of the Commandants who had been making the trouble, and took a copy of the law with us. He had taken one of our evangelists in his district and put him to work on a sugar plantation. At our request he released him, and when we showed him the law relating to religious worship, he told Brother Smith he would grant license to any evangelist he recommended to hold religious services according to the terms of the law.

On my return from Inhambane I called on our American consul at Lourenço Marquez and laid some of our matters before him. He received me very cordially and promised to do anything in his power to assist us in dealing with the Portuguese authorities.

I found in Rev. P. Loze, the superintendent of the Swiss Mission at Lourenço Marquez, a man who is conversant with Portuguese laws and customs. He has put in my possession some valuable papers, copies of legal documents they use in dealing with the Portuguese authorities. I have sent copies of these to Brother Smith at Inhambane, and think they will be valuable to him in his dealing with the authorities.

The pressing need of our work at Inhambane at the present time is some one who can speak the Portuguese language and teach it to others. We must have this before we can carry on our work there as we ought. It will simplify the matter of dealing with the authorities to have some one to deal with them who can speak their own language. In order to carry on our school work we must have teachers who understand Portuguese and can teach it in the lowest grades at least. The law requires that all teachers shall have a knowledge of Portuguese.

We have at the present time one native evangelist who is studying Portuguese in the Swiss Mission school at Lourenço Marquez, and there are others who have a sufficient knowledge of the Portuguese that with a very little further schooling would be able to meet the requirements of the law, but the difficulty is to get them into a school so far away. We need our own school, and must have it if we continue in that field.

The general quarterly meeting was held while I was at Inhambane. It was an excellent meeting. About 200 from the district attended. The licenses of about thirty evangelists were renewed in the quarterly conference, and five new ones were granted license. I was much pleased with the ability and spirit shown by the evangelists in conducting the quarterly conference. Give the people there a training school where they can be taught the Portuguese, and have training in the study of the Bible and instruction in a Christian worker's course, and you will hear from them in the future. On the Sabbath 30 were received in full, and 20 on probation. The closing service was the marriage of five couples. One of the bridegrooms had put away his second wife and was married to the first by Christian rites on this occasion.

GERMISTON

My stay at Germiston was of necessity short. I simply "stopped off" on my way back from Inhambane.

It is of course understood that the work there is different than that done at any of our other stations. The work is done among the "boys" who come to labor in the mines. They are constantly coming and going, so that not much can be shown in the way of building up a permanent society. It is more like the work of a city mission. The men are gathered into the schools (night schools) and taught; meetings are held in the compounds on the Sabbath, and at other times as opportunity offers; many of the "boys" are converted, but eventually they return to their homes and are lost to the work at Germiston. One finds them, though, at their homes living and testifying for God—not all of them, but enough of them to give courage to continue the work. Some are now working as evangelists in the Inhambane field who were saved at Germiston.

A township will soon be declared at that point, and we must then buy outright the property we have been holding under lease. A trolley line from the town is coming to within a few rods of our property, and when it is opened up and free-hold titles can be obtained, the land will at once be in demand and will bring good prices. We can lose nothing, financially, by buying. A request for funds to purchase will be brought before you.

FAIR VIEW FARM

Financial reports from this farm show that it is now paying all expenses. The last payment has been made on the land, and the papers are now being

made out in the Surveyor General's office, which will soon place the deed in our possession for Fair View Farm No. 2. If the business of the farm goes as well in the future as in the past, it will not be long until the farm will show a surplus instead of a deficit, as has been the case for so long.

BUILDINGS

I have taken some pains to investigate matters pertaining to the buildings on the field, and find that with slight exceptions they are in fairly good condition. Climatic conditions here are very trying on buildings. It has been found very difficult to construct a building in this climate that will completely resist the rains in the rainy season. Another thing which must be constantly combated is the white ant pest. No one except those who have been here can understand what this is. No method of construction has yet been devised that is proof against these pests. Our buildings, however, are not "damp, unhealthy and ant-eaten," in the sense that they are dangerous to the health of the missionaries or in any immediate danger of falling down, or in need of reconstruction in the near future. I make this statement after making inquiries from persons of good judgment, and who are now living and have lived in the houses and are familiar with their construction. When you are living in a climate where in the rainy season the moisture will penetrate a solid stone wall, cemented and tarred on the outside, there will be times when a house will be damp. When the best houses in the city of Durban are being troubled more or less with the white-ant pest, and their occupants must be constantly on their guard against them, it is not strange if we have some trouble with them in our mission houses. With slight repairs, however, such as are asked for on one house this year, our houses will last for years yet.

FINANCES

I think, as nearly as I can judge from the short time I have been on the field, that our missionaries are careful and conservative, as a rule, in the management of finances. There seems to be somewhat of a tendency in the matter of buildings to exceed in the plans for construction the amount appropriated by the Board. There is, however, a healthy sentiment against this on the part of some that will, I think, hold it in check. One instance of this will be brought before you at this meeting in connection with the requests for appropriations. This case is illustrative of both sides of the question.

FURLOUGHS OF MISSIONARIES

Brother A. E. Haley wishes me to present to the Board the matter of his furlough. He is not asking for it immediately, but wishes the Board to take the matter under consideration. It is apparent to you that as the conference here does not meet until January, 1913, a request then acted upon by the conference could not come before the board until the meeting of October, 1913. I think he has no intention of asking to be allowed to return during the coming year, i. e., October, 1912, to October, 1913, but wishes the matter before the Board for consideration.

CHILDREN OF MISSIONARIES BEING ACCEPTED AS MISSIONARIES

We have several promising young people, children of missionaries, growing up here on the field. They have the native language perfectly, having learned it as they have their mother tongue. Would it not be well to consider them as possible future candidates to fill up some of the gaps that must of necessity come in the near future? I think some of them at least are looking forward to that as their life work. If some provision could be made by the Board defining the conditions under which such could be accepted on the field, what recommendations would be required, what compensation would be given, etc., I think it would be well. It would not require the Board to accept any, but if any offered themselves who were desirable, the way would be open for their reception.

REPORT OF GENERAL CONFERENCE EVANGELIST A. D. ZAHNISER

TO THE GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD:

It is with gratitude to God and the brethren with whom I have labored, who have charitably borne with my feeble efforts, that I submit the following report of my labors as a general evangelist for the past year:

With your permission, I finished my work as district elder of the Greensburg and Uniontown districts of the Pittsburgh conference. As directed, I spent practically four months, January, February, March and June, in New England.

Corresponding with the district elders of the Western Canada conference, I was instructed that the spring and summer were unseasonable periods for revival efforts in that section, and was informed that they preferred to risk getting help at some more favorable time in the future rather than to put forth what promised to be a fruitless effort at the time suggested by the Board.

I have conducted revival efforts at the following places: Greenville College; Dayton, Ohio; Rochester, Pennsylvania; Perry, New York; New Castle, Pennsylvania; Providence, Rhode Island; Clinton, Massachusetts; a few nights each at Worcester and Springfield, Massachusetts, and Hampton, Connecticut; Saratoga Springs, New York; Coopersville, Michigan; Battle Creek, Michigan; Brooklyn, New York, and Woodlawn, Pennsylvania.

I attended camp-meetings at Hampton, Connecticut; Glens Falls, New York; Flemington, New Jersey; Pleasantville, Pennsylvania; Scotland, Ontario; Conneautville, Pennsylvania; Greenville, Illinois. I also dedicated two churches.

I have attended over four hundred public services, attempting to preach at over three hundred and sixty of these during the past year.

I have endeavored to impress both pastors and people that there was no financial condition associated with our coming to them except a collection, if they felt free to take one, and protested against any and all urging along money lines. We have allowed no mercenary motives to influence us in making our appointments. Perhaps it would be safe to state that pastors' salaries and the general finances of the churches we have visited were increased somewhat during our stay among them. The pastors and people, however, in every instance, insisted on giving us a liberal collection.

I have received on the field \$500.19; paid out \$200.33 for traveling expenses, leaving a balance of \$299.86.

I have done my best in the fear of God, "whose I am and whom I serve." As to the number of souls saved, and the good that has resulted from our unworthy efforts, the record is on high.

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. ZAHNISER.

REPORT OF GENERAL CONFERENCE EVANGELIST S. K. WHEATLAKE

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE MISSIONARY BOARD:

It is with gratitude to the Lord for His tender mercies during the last twelve months that I beg to submit to you the following report: In keeping with your request, I began my labors last November within the bounds of the Washington conference, on the Tacoma and Yakima districts. I was directed by the district elder to hold the first meeting at Buckley. The meeting at this place was greatly hindered by the bad weather which kept up during the entire meeting, and the church being located in a very remote part of the town, prevented the people from attending the services, consequently very little was accomplished during the meeting. The next meeting was at North Yakima. We found a small society at this place in a very discouraged condition. The Lord, however, came to our help and gave us a sweeping victory. We remained with them over three weeks, and at the close of the meeting we took thirty-three substantial members into the church, the most of them being heads of families.

We then went to Sunnyside. We found considerable opposition to our

work at this place, and but few were saved outside of our own people. A number of them were reclaimed and purified and the church was greatly blessed and encouraged. The Lord gave us sixty-three souls saved, reclaimed and wholly sanctified, and we took thirty-six into the church during our stay in the Washington conference. The most of them were taken into full connection.

We then proceeded to carry out your directions as to our labors within the bounds of the Southern Oregon conference. Our first meeting was held at Medford. The Lord gave us a very good meeting at this place and also at Ashland. Our next meeting in Oregon was held at Grants Pass. We had a very hard pull at this place and but few broke through into victory. Our labors in Oregon resulted in the conversion and cleansing of fifty-two souls, thirteen of them united with the church.

We then began laboring within the bounds of the Colorado conference. The district elders planned four meetings for the one month we were to remain with them. This not being enough time for so many meetings, and they being unwilling for us to hold less, I gave them six weeks instead of four. We held meetings at the following points: Grand Junction, Canon City, Colorado Springs and Denver. These meetings were all attended with a good degree of success, but more especially the meetings held at Canon City and Denver. These two meetings were signally blessed of the Lord. We saw eighty souls saved, reclaimed and purified, and received twenty-five into the church during our stay in Colorado.

Our next meetings were in Nebraska, beginning at Orleans. At this place we witnessed a gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit, especially among the pilgrims and students. We also held a meeting at Edison, Nebraska. Here we found very complicated and strained conditions, but some very good saints. Our work is comparatively new at this point and many of the members did not seem to understand the doctrine of entire sanctification, and but very few of them had ever experienced the blessing. An effort had recently been made to introduce a false doctrine among them, known as Edwardism, which is a commingling of the doctrines of Methodism and Campbellitism. The Lord came to our help, and several of them were wholly sanctified, and the whole society was greatly blessed and brought into closer fellowship. Twenty-nine souls were especially blessed during our stay in Nebraska.

We then began meetings within the bounds of the Kansas conference. Our first was at Emporia. They had not held a meeting at this point during the year, owing to the sickness of their pastor. We had a very victorious meeting, and several were saved and cleansed. At Keats we held a tent meeting. We found a small society at this place struggling hard to maintain an existence amid great opposition, but at the end of a ten days' meeting they were greatly encouraged by receiving into their midst nine new members. We left them full of hope and looking for greater things. We attended a camp-meeting also near Westphalia, which resulted in the salvation and cleansing of several souls. We were favored by seeing forty-five souls saved and purified in the Kansas conference. We received fifteen into the church.

Having overrun our time for holding meetings within the bounds of these conferences, and there being no opportunity open in the Missouri conference. I went to Des Moines, Iowa, and held a tent meeting in which twenty-four souls sought and found God in the pardon of their sins and the cleansing of their hearts.

Our next meeting was a camp-meeting held at Sarahsville, Ohio. This meeting was one of unusual power, in which it is supposed that about one hundred souls sought God for pardon or purity.

On our way back home we stopped over five days with the Wesleyan brethren at their camp-meeting at Fairmount, Indiana.

Our last meeting was at Memphis, Michigan. We do not have a society at this place and the prospects seemed very favorable for a good meeting, but we soon found that we had made a mistake in trying to hold the meeting in a tent so late in the season, for the cold and rain soon compelled us to leave the tent and go to the Methodist church. Seventeen, however, broke through

into victory and four of them united with the church and others will follow as soon as they secure their church letters.

I have very much enjoyed the cooperation of the various pastors in these meetings, and very much appreciate the hospitality I have received from our people while laboring among them.

The past year has been one of very hard work, but the Lord has been pleased to keep me well in body and blest in soul all of the time, as I have not missed a single service on account of sickness, although I have been at times very weary.

I have raised in full on the field \$890.17. Of this amount \$175 was spent in defraying the incidental expenses of the meetings, \$212.35 for traveling expenses, and \$300 applied on my own salary as you directed. This left a surplus of \$205.81, which amount has been duly turned into the treasury of the church.

I have traveled 9,541 miles; preached 515 sermons, seen 375 souls saved, reclaimed and purified, and received 100 into the church.

Respectfully submitted,

S. K. WHEATLAKE.

REPORT OF GENERAL CONFERENCE EVANGELIST C. W. STAMP

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD:

It is with a profound sense of God's love and mercy that we are permitted to report to your honorable body, another year of revival work. The Lord has given us a measure of success in winning souls. A goodly number have been converted and received into the Free Methodist church, and weak societies have been strengthened.

We have endeavored, as far as possible, to carry out the wishes of the board in laboring on the fields mentioned in the directions given, though we were not able to cover all the territory on account of lack of time. We were compelled to leave out the North Dakota conference from the list of engagements, as most of the revivals were continued longer than the time announced. This we regretted very much indeed, and hope to be able to give some time to that conference in the future as the way may open.

The greater part of the year's work has been under the direction of the district elders. However, we have felt free to continue the meetings from one to three weeks longer than the dates arranged for. This plan we find necessary in some cases, as it takes more time to secure a congregation in some places than in others. This is true especially on the rundown circuits.

We have held four tent meetings and one large camp-meeting. One tent meeting was arranged by the elder in a new place and where our people had never held services. The weather during the entire time, with the exception of a few days, was very cold and unfavorable, though at the last the interest came up and a number were saved. The organization was postponed, as some of the converts were hardly ready to be received. The prospects are excellent there for a good work.

In all, we have held twelve revivals. Another had been arranged for, but on account of the stormy weather and bad roads it was given up. The meetings were held in Maine; West End, Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh conference; Sioux Falls, South Dakota, South Dakota conference; Glenville, Minnesota, North Iowa and Minnesota conference; Correctionville, Iowa; LeMars, Iowa, Boone, Iowa; Council Bluffs, Iowa; West Iowa conference; LaFarge, Wisconsin; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Portage, Wisconsin; Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin conference, and Eldon, Iowa, Iowa conference. Raised for traveling expenses for Mrs. Stamp and myself, \$279; allowed Mrs. Stamp as my assistant, \$150; balance on support from the field, \$227.64.

Respectfully,

C. W. STAMP.

REPORT OF MRS. BLANCHE E. STAMP, GENERAL MISSIONARY

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD:

It is with a thankful heart that I report another year spent in God's service. Through His special care we have been spared and granted strength to continue in labors for Him.

I have assisted in all the revivals held by Mr. Stamp, and only missed a very few of the services. Have held missionary meetings, children's meetings and preached several times a week. I feel the Lord is laying the burden on my heart for young people and the children. I have done more on this line this year, and expect to specialize in this department of the work in the future.

We have had children of all nationalities in our services, and we were very much encouraged on account of the awakening of several Jewish children in one of our revivals, who came regularly to the meetings for the children. We felt the help of the Holy Spirit as we endeavored to teach them of Christ Jesus the Savior. A large number of children have professed conversion and we believe that the greater percent of them found the Lord.

Continued encouragement has come to us in the work of the Master in seeking the lost, and we pray God to burden us more and more that we may see greater results.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. BLANCHE E. STAMP.

REPORT OF MRS. IDA R. WINGET, GENERAL MISSIONARY

I have visited, organized and assisted in foreign missionary meetings in the following named conferences during the past year: Illinois, Wisconsin, Ohio, Indiana, Oil City, Susquehanna and Wabash.

Respectfully submitted,

IDA. R. WINGET.

REPORT OF MRS. REBECCA E. SELLEW, GENERAL MISSIONARY

My report for this year is somewhat meager, due to unavoidable circumstances. I have, however, been able to do some work during the year. Being appointed Missionary Superintendent of our home Sabbath-school, I have had opportunity to give missionary talks to the children when at home. Have held four missionary meetings during the year, and assisted in several others. Have also collected clothing and money to the amount of seventy-five dollars, which I sent to Brother Manchester in the south.

REBECCA E. SELLEW.

Dr. W. A. Backenstoe and wife, returned missionaries from Africa, Miss Edith F. Jones, returned missionary from China, and J. H. Moore, M. D., of the Kentucky and Tennessee conference, were called forward and introduced to the Board.

Dr. Moore addressed the Board relative to mission work among the mountaineers of Kentucky.

All matters relating to home missions were referred to the standing committee on the Dominican Republic, West Indies.

Emma F. Shay was added to this committee.

J. G. Baird was substituted for B. R. Jones, who was absent, on the standing committee on Africa and India for this session of the Board.

Ella S. Clark was added to this committee.

Some matters relating to a legacy given for our foreign missionary work by James D. Monroe, of Southern California, were referred to a special committee, consisting of W. A. Sellew, W. N. Coffee, J. G. Baird, Ella S. Clark, Mary L. Coleman.

The Board elected a committee on Aggressive Evangelism, especially as it applied to the labors of the General Conference Evangelists, this committee to consist of the three Bishops present, three other members which the Executive Committee were requested to appoint, and three elected by this Board, as follows: W. B. Olmstead, Mary L. Coleman and Peter White.

The report of the directors for the past year was read and approved. (See report on file).

The Secretary read the annual report of the finance committee. It showed that there had been received in cash the past year from wills and legacies \$2,292.36. On the annuity plan an amount estimated at \$6,000. In addition there had been received by the Woman's Society by bequest, in cash \$5,000. For full report of the finance committee see report on file. The report was approved.

Total amount of the assets of the Board, in annuities, mostly invested, \$26,506.35.

The Treasurer read his report. (See his report).

It was received and referred to the Auditor.

The reports of the Superintendents on the different foreign missionary fields were read. The minutes of the annual meetings of the missionaries on the before-mentioned fields, also certain letters from missionaries were referred to the standing committees of the respective countries, with instruction to report back to the Board and read to it such portions as the committees deemed best.

The report of C. F. Appleton, Superintendent in China, also the report of Miss Nellie Whiffen, of the Dominican Republic, West Indies, was read.

A committee was appointed to consider the cost of living on the foreign mission fields and make such recommendations as they thought best to the Board. William Pearce, B. Winget, W. N. Coffee, S. H. Porterfield and Mary L. Coleman were elected such committee.

The following report was submitted to the Board by its Committee:

"Your Committee has read the correspondence from the Home Mission Council, asking for a contribution of \$25 from this Board as our part of the expense of the Neglected Fields Survey, and \$100 for our part of the expense for providing for Home Mission week in November.

"We are much impressed with the value of the work of the Home Mission Council and recommend: 1. That the action of the Secretary in remitting \$25 as requested for Neglected Fields Survey be approved. 2. That \$75 be appropriated toward the expense of Home Mission week."

On motion it was adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the matter of work among the Italians made its report as follows:

"We regret that Mrs. Teresa Tocci was unable to continue in the work among the Italians at Hurlburton, New York, and recommend that the Missionary Secretary be authorized to secure, if possible, a suitable person for that field. We also recommend that Sister Tocci be encouraged to continue in her work among the Italians at her home in Pennsylvania or elsewhere, although no financial assistance can be granted."

On motion it was adopted.

The Board adopted the following resolution in regard to employing a Field Agent to raise money for the Foreign Missionary Treasury:

"*Resolved*, That we have a Field Agent for collecting missionary funds whose especial work shall be the securing of legacies, bequests, annuities, and special donations outside of the usual channels or in the undeveloped fields, of contributions to the foreign missionary fund among us, and among business men, and all who are benevolently disposed towards the enterprise of foreign missions."

The Board received nominations for this work, and by ballot, elected several persons, two of whom declined to accept the appointment. Some months previous to the annual meeting the Missionary Secretary, in accordance with directions given him by the Directors of the Board, had been seeking to secure a desirable person for this work. It was thought by him that at least two persons were available. Rev. Frank L. Baker, of Spring Arbor, was

one of these. Brother Baker was not forward in consenting to this appointment, but after he and his wife had given themselves to prayer for weeks, in order that they might know the mind of the Lord in regard to it, and having had what they considered a special outward sign, or evidence, that God would be pleased to have him accept the appointment, if given him, he gave his consent. This sphere of labor, which was unsought, has been given him by the action of the Board, and he is to begin his work the first of April, 1913. It is expected that he will have the prayers and the hearty co-operation of our people. The direction of the Field Agent was left with the Missionary Secretary.

The Committee, consisting of B. Winget, W. T. Hogue and W. B. Olmstead, appointed at the previous annual meeting of the Board to purchase chairs with arms and pockets for use of the members of the Board during the annual meetings was continued and instructed to see that such chairs were provided for use at the next annual meeting.

The Missionary Secretary reported that he had written a letter to the General Missionary Secretary of the United Brethren Church in regard to our work in the Dominican Republic, giving them some information in view of their commencing work on the Island of Santo Domingo.

The Board approved of his action.

The Board took the following action in regard to Home Missionary work:

1. We recommend that Dr. J. H. Moore be employed by this Board in missionary labors in the mountains of Kentucky and that the Kentucky and Tennessee conference be requested to appoint him to the same field.

2. That the Missionary Board appropriate \$300 for his support, the collections taken by him on the field, and whatever portion of the above sum he may see fit to apply to be devoted to the spread of the work along educational and missionary lines in this field.

3. That the Missionary Secretary be instructed to secure, at as early date as possible, two school teachers to labor in that region, and that \$200 be placed at his disposal for transportation of the teachers to their field of labor for the erection of residences, etc.

4. That the Missionary Secretary correspond with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gibson, of Snohomish, Washington, with reference to employing them for this position.

5. We further recommend that the W. F. M. S. be requested to meet one-half of this expense from their Home Mission Fund, and that the Board appropriate their part of these funds (\$250) from the Home Mission bequests and gifts in its hands.

The Committee on Aggressive Evangelism made the following report, which on motion was adopted:

"We recommend that a standing committee be appointed on aggressive evangelism, consisting of Bishops Sellew, Hogue and Pearce, this committee to have power to add to their number as they may think best, and as occasion may require.

"This committee shall have direct charge of the general conference evangelists with full authority to give directions to them either specifically or in a general way; to raise funds throughout the church for general evangelistic purposes; to employ helpers, either stenographers and clerks for carrying on the routine work of the committee, or evangelists and helpers to labor in the field; to make the best arrangements possible with those to whom the evangelists are sent, laying down such requirements as the committee thinks best, with a view to a hearty co-operation; and in a word, said committee shall have full authority to carry forward an aggressive evangelistic movement throughout the church.

"We recommend that the general evangelists be paid a salary of \$850.00 and traveling and necessary incidental expenses for ten months' service, and that the remaining two months be at their own disposal, to be taken from November 15th to January 15th, or at such other times as shall be agreed upon between

the evangelists and the committee; that during the ten months' service, monthly reports covering finances and work done shall be made to the committee.

"We recommend that \$500.00 of the salary of each evangelist be paid by the General Missionary Board, and that the remaining \$350.00 and all traveling and necessary incidental expenses of the evangelists be paid by the committee from the fund to be raised by said committee, and that it shall be the duty of these evangelists to take collections, solicit subscriptions and donations for an aggressive evangelistic fund, and that all collections and money received for this work by the evangelists shall, after the direct incidental expenses of the meeting, such as advertising, hall rent, etc., have been paid, be forwarded to the treasurer of the committee.

"We recommend that in deciding upon the field of labor for the evangelists the committee be requested, wherever practicable, to give preference to new and neglected fields, and to conferences and societies numerically and financially weak.

"It is expected that in the carrying on of this work there will be full cooperation between the committee and the evangelists."

The Secretary reported as follows concerning uniform steamship rates in harmony with the action of the Board in 1910:

1. Recommended that the outgoing ocean fares of missionaries from Seattle, San Francisco and Vancouver to Kobe, Japan, be \$104.00, and that they be allowed for their return fares \$110.00 each.

2. It was recommended that the outgoing ocean fares from the above mentioned Pacific Coast cities to Shanghai, China, be \$115.00, and the return fares from Shanghai to any of these places be \$125.00.

3. We recommend that the amount allowed for outgoing ocean fares of missionaries from New York City to Bombay, India, be \$227.50, and return fares the same.

4. We recommend that the ocean fares from New York City to Durban, United South Africa, be \$195.00, and return fares the same, unless the Union Castle line charges more for 2d Class return fares. In this case, allow the difference between outgoing and return fares.

5. Allowances for ocean fares for missionaries from New York to Inhambane, East Africa, \$214.44. The return fares the same, unless there are good reasons for making the change.

Dominican Republic—Allowance for fares, with 10 per cent reduction from regular rates, from New York City or Philadelphia to Sanchez, Santo Domingo, w. I., \$52.65.

6. Children of missionaries to go same "Class" as their parents at regular rates. Actual expenses of missionaries from their homes to their places of embarkation, when they leave for the foreign field, to be paid by the Board. Additional allowances, as needed, should be made for tips and extra expense for board because of special delays. Actual expenses of missionaries to be paid by the Board from the time they disembark at their destination until they arrive at their stations. Necessary expenses to be paid from their stations until they are on board steamer for home voyage. Should rates change, necessary differences to be made in these allowances.

On motion the above report was adopted.

The Missionary Secretary read his report as follows, as a delegate to the International Conference on the Negro, which was held at Tuskegee, Alabama:

In accordance with the action of the Missionary Board, taken at its last annual meeting, your Secretary attended the International Conference on the Negro, which was held at Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama, April 17-19, 1912.

There were in attendance about 200 negroes from different countries, beside many white missionaries, educators, church representatives, and the heads of various missionary and other societies. Doubtless the leading person

in originating the call for this Conference was Dr. Booker T. Washington, who is at the head of the Tuskegee Institute, and who presided at the Conference, which was the first of the kind ever held.

The work of the Conference was considered principally under three heads: First, Conditions; second, Missions; third, Methods. Notwithstanding the evils which civilization has introduced into portions of Africa, nevertheless, it was thought by the Conference that the blessings connected with such civilization, which includes the work of missionaries, and the introduction of Christianity, far exceeds the concomitant evils. It was recognized that God's providence had been manifested in bringing the negroes to America, so that thereby, notwithstanding the crucial experiences it has brought upon the race, in the end, greater blessings may be theirs. The negroes in the United States are in proportion of one to nine of the entire population. Great progress in Africa has recently been made, and is being made among them, on material and commercial lines. Mentally, socially, and governmentally there are much better conditions among the negro race there, with better prospects for the future. It has been a great work to prepare written languages for the negroes, and provide school privileges as are now provided. These blessings have been given the negro race principally through the church and its missionaries. The countries where the negroes have the greatest privileges on all lines are Jamaica and Danish West Indies. In these islands no color lines seem to exist. The United States are required to provide common school privileges for this race, and there are other educational institutions of higher grades, including a few of the college, if not university grades, such as Tuskegee, Hampton, etc. At Tuskegee there are about 1,600 students, one-third or more of whom are young women.

The missionary work in Africa has been done principally by white missionaries from Europe and America. A few negro missionaries from Jamaica are doing work on the west coast of Africa. It is rather surprising that the several large negro religious organizations of America have sent so few missionaries to evangelize their own people. The negro bishops attending this conference strongly emphasized the responsibility of the negro churches in the United States sending missionaries to evangelize them. The progress of the work has been hindered by unhealthful climate, which has decimated the missionaries, also by race prejudice which exists generally, except in Central Africa. Some governments, as well as Colonists, have shown more favors to Mohammedism and paganism than to Christianity.

The conference emphasized very strongly the need of education more general, more thorough and better adapted to the needs of the race. It disapproved of sending negroes from Africa to the United States for education, with the hope that after being educated here they will return and do evangelistic work among their own people.

B. WINGET.

A request was made by the World's Sunday School Association that the Board designate some one to accompany a party to be sent to the Orient early next year in the interest of Sunday-school work. The matter was referred to the Secretary, and he was authorized to give proper credentials to any representative person who may be willing to pay his own expenses and accompany the party to the Orient as our representative.

The action of the Secretary in permitting Fred J. Fletcher and wife to return home on a furlough, was approved.

B. Winget and W. J. Barnes were added permanently to the standing committee on China and Japan. The report of the annual meeting in Japan was read.

The Board requested its Secretary to write a letter of sympathy to Bishop B. R. Jones, because of his illness which incapacitated him from attending the annual meeting.

In accordance with request of the Board, Jules Ryff and Miss Nellie Reed addressed the Board on their work in Africa.

Rev. J. W. Winans' relation to the Board was continued, without salary.

Miss Esther D. Clark, returned missionary from the Dominican Republic, W. I., was continued in her present relation to the Board, without salary.

The Board directed that all workers employed by it in the home land be under the general supervision and direction of the Secretary.

The course to be pursued in regard to printing the items of business for use by the members of the Board for the next annual meeting was left to the discretion of the Secretary.

Favorable action was taken with reference to George E. Mills and wife being employed to labor among the Spanish-speaking people within the bounds of the Southern California conference.

B. Winget was given a power of attorney for Japan and China, and also special credentials for use while away from the home land.

Action in the case of Edwin W. and Mrs. Edwin W. Hight was deferred for one year.

Because of a lack of information in regard to the physical condition of F. D. Helm and wife, action in their cases was deferred for one year.

J. G. Baird was elected as the agent of the Board and given a power of attorney to act for and in its behalf in looking after its interests in the J. D. Moore estate at Los Angeles, California.

J. G. Baird was requested to advise with W. B. Olmstead in regard to matters relating to the Monroe estate, and they were authorized to sell the property, or a part of it, as soon as practicable after it is transferred to the Board. The price at which it is to be sold was left to their judgment. They were authorized to invest the proceeds from the sale of the property in well secured real estate mortgages, as only the use of it is to be available in aid of our foreign work.

Action was taken by the Board whereby the time when the missionaries who had been accepted by it are to go out, and as to whether or not sufficient funds are on hand for sending them out, was left with the Missionary Secretary, and in his absence with the president of the Board in cooperation with W. T. Hogue.

The Missionary Secretary was requested to write a letter to the mayor of Cheng Chow, China, and express the Board's appreciation for the courtesies he has extended to our missionaries.

The auditor, W. A. Sellew, made the following report:

This certifies that I have this day finished an audit of the books of the treasurer of the General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church. They are kept in two sets of books. One is known as the "Missionary Books," the other as "Church Funds." I find them both correctly and properly kept, and that there are proper vouchers for all payments made. I have also examined the bank accounts and find them to agree in all details with the bank books.

I have also examined the securities—bills receivable, and mortgages receivable, and find them to agree with the respective accounts on the books.

This audit extended from September 30, 1911, to September 30, 1912.

(Signed) WALTER A. SELLEW, Auditor.

The report of the treasurer was adopted.

The following paper on our work in Japan was adopted:

In view of the fact that there has been considerable agitation in our Japan mission during the past year as to the desirability of having a self-supporting Japanese church, we are quite surprised to find that the requests from that field for the coming year for the support of native pastors and for the rent of chapels has been increased over any preceding year, making the total amount asked for these purposes about four thousand dollars.

Bishop Sellew advises us that when he was on the field last year, he urged upon the native church the desirability of an increase in native support along these two lines, and that he had assurance that efforts were being put forth

to this end, and also assurance that such support would increase during the coming year.

While we have no desire to lessen our appropriations for the Japanese field, and are very desirous that our appropriations should be used more and more each year in opening up new stations in the territory now occupied by us, we therefore request the Missionary Secretary to send this paper to the field, with the list of appropriations, and when he shall visit the field, to continue to urge the Japanese church to increase their efforts along the line of self-support, assuring them that all their efforts along this line will not only be much appreciated by us, but will be met with increased liberality in our treatment of the native church along all lines of mutual interest, and we hope the time will soon come when we will be able to use the money now appropriated toward the salaries of native pastors and for chapel rents of our old established churches, for paying evangelists and chapel rents in communities where our work is not now established:

The Committee on the Cost of Living presented the following report, which was adopted by the Board:

Your Committee finds that on the Africa field the cost of living is slightly increased, say from 10 per cent to 30 per cent, varying in different sections, and also that local conditions at some of the stations have changed somewhat, respecting proximity to railway stations, facilities for transportation and the temporariness of the increased cost of some articles; that these conditions taken into account in connection with the difference in the cost of living as it relates to the various stations counterbalances considerably the effect of the increased percentage in the cost of living. And if we may be allowed to suggest to the Board, the matter of local conditions, the dispositions and habits of the missionaries, their faculty for planning, purchasing supplies, etc., all figure more largely in the consideration of the appropriations to be made than any difference apparent in the cost of living.

We find a far greater increase in the cost of living in China and Japan, reaching 40 or 50 per cent, which will need the consideration of the committee on appropriations. India and Santo Domingo reports almost no increase within the last two years.

Your committee would recommend that the missionaries at Inhambane be allowed \$40.00 each extra for living expenses, making a total at this point of \$160.00; that at Edwaleni there be an allowance of \$25.00 per capita to the missionaries, making a total of \$75.00 extra for this station; to the missionaries at Germiston, \$25.00 each, making a total of \$50.00; to Greenville, \$25.00 each, making a total of \$50; to Critchlow, on account of a greater advance in the cost of living at this point, \$35.00 each extra, making a total of \$70.00; at Itamba, each \$25.00, making \$50.00 extra.

For Japan we recommend that the increase of 16 per cent over last year's allowances of both the missionaries and the native workers be allowed.

We recommend that the request from the China missionaries for an allowance of \$50.00 each for the children upon this field be granted; and that the salaries of the missionaries be made uniform with those of missionaries in Japan, viz., \$275.00 each, on the basis of a similar increase in the percentage in the cost of living.

The Missionary Secretary was requested to publish such portions of Bishop MacGeary's report, as he deems best, in a leaflet form for general circulation among our people.

It was ordered that it is the sense of the Board that the Secretary send information of the various actions of the Board Meetings to the missionaries in Africa through Bishop MacGeary and to the missionaries in India direct, a copy being sent to Bishop MacGeary.

The following resolution was presented, and on motion adopted: Moved, that W. T. Hogue be given authority to sign all necessary papers for the Missionary Secretary in his absence on a visit to Japan and China, and to act in his stead in cooperation with his clerk, Miss Mabel W. Cook.

The following resolution was presented, and on motion adopted:

"Whereas, a number of missionaries have been accepted during the session of the Board, to be sent out as soon as the funds will warrant,

"Resolved, That it is the sense of the Board that the time of their going, and as to whether or not the funds will warrant it, be left with the judgment of the Missionary Secretary, and in his absence with the President in cooperation with W. T. Hogue, the acting secretary, also that it be left with them to see that all the necessary conditions are met by the missionaries."

On motion, it was recommended that Miss Belle Avery, who is a candidate for the Africa field, take a course in medicine and obstetrics for a year or two, and that her case remain as it is for another year.

AFRICA

The report of J. S. MacGeary, Missionary Bishop, was read. On motion it was received.

The Committee on Africa and India brought in the following report which was adopted:

"After reading correspondence between Rev. F. L. Baker and the Missionary Secretary relative to the raising of money for the purpose of sending out Sisters Rice and Evans to the missionary field, we submit the following:

"While we appreciate the missionary interest and zeal of the Michigan friends in pledging \$1,000 to send out Miss Ida B. Rice and Miss Alice E. Evans to the field, we cannot approve of their action because it disregards the previous action of the Board in which it expressed its disapproval of making appeals for special objects before those appeals are authorized by the Board; however, in view of the fact that Miss Rice has been on the list of accepted missionaries for several years, and that she has completed a four years' medical and nurse's course in Battle Creek Sanitarium, and we have reason to believe that her services are greatly needed on the field, we recommend that she be sent to Africa as soon as the promised funds are available. As the Board has already taken favorable action concerning Miss Evans, we recommend that she be permitted to complete a two years' medical course for missionaries in Greenville College, and that she be sent to Africa in the fall of 1913, provided the promised funds are forthcoming."

The committee on Africa and India offered the following report: "In regard to the matter of accepting the children of missionaries for work on the foreign field, as suggested by Bishop MacGeary, we recommend the encouragement of such children, who feel called to the work, and further recommend that a committee be appointed consisting of the Missionary Secretary and the Missionary Bishop, to devise a plan by which such children may be accepted by the Board, and that said committee report to this body at its next annual meeting."

Concerning the friction between our missionaries and contiguous workers, not members of our church, at Critchlow, Greenville and Edwaleni Mission Stations, "We recommend that the matter be referred to the Missionary Bishop and the missionaries on the field, and if the correspondence sent from the Baptist missionary there reaches the Missionary Secretary, that the Secretary write him that the matter had been so referred." This report of the Committee was adopted.

The Board recommended that Bishop MacGeary visit Inhambane at least once a year, and oftener, if necessary, and remain as long as he may think best.

The request of A. E. Haley and wife was considered, and was granted, and is to take effect at the expiration of time of service as fixed by the Board, but the Secretary was requested to write and ask them to remain longer, at least until after the Mission Conference of 1914, if possible, in view of the number of missionaries from that field now on furlough, or incapacitated for service.

In the case of Ole Kragerud, the Committee on Africa and India recom-

mended, in accordance with the suggestion of the Missionary Secretary, that the usual furlough salary granted to single missionaries in the home land be allowed him at the discretion of the Secretary, and if everything is favorable, that provision be made to return him, with his wife, to the African field. On motion, the report was adopted.

Julius Ryff and wife were requested to return to the mission field next spring if their health permits, and they are granted a salary of \$350.00 per year while on their furlough.

J. W. Haley and wife were continued in their present relation to the Board, without salary.

Ethel A. Cook was continued in her relation, and owing to her present needs, was granted \$25.00 by the Board.

Concerning another mission house in the interior of Inhambane, the committee presented the following report which was adopted: "We recommend that the Missionary Bishop be requested to furnish an estimate as to the probable cost of the building desired at Inhambane, and report to the Board at its next meeting."

Report was made concerning the Directors' action, January 30, 1912, as to the support guaranteed a given number of boys in the Edwaleni, South Africa, Training School, as follows: "Your committee recommends that the amount guaranteed to date, viz., an amount sufficient to maintain twenty-five boys at school at Edwaleni be continued until the next Board meeting." The report was adopted.

The committee reported regarding the request that steps be taken to provide a residence for the Missionary Bishop, as follows: "It is the sense of this Board that, owing to the state of our treasury, it would be impracticable to take such steps at this time. The report was adopted.

Nellie Reed was granted a salary of \$200.00 for the coming year.

Regarding a man for Inhambane to take the place of Frank Long, the committee brought in the following report, which was adopted: "Since it appears from the Missionary Secretary's account and correspondence in hand that Frank M. Long has resigned; that he has paid \$125.00 toward sending his substitute to the field; but that the efforts of the Secretary have not thus far availed to secure a suitable man and wife for that purpose: we recommend, first, that the resignation of Frank M. Long as a Board missionary be accepted; second, that efforts toward securing his substitute be continued.

The suggestion of the Missionary Bishop made to the Secretary in regard to providing facilities for our native evangelists and for some of our missionaries to become proficient in the Portuguese language in order to facilitate our work at Inhambane, was considered and the following report was presented: "Your committee recommends that our Missionary Secretary secure, as early as possible, a young man having a clear call to the African field to take up the study of the Portuguese language and pursue the same until he shall have become proficient in it before engaging in the regular work. The study to be undertaken with Brother Ryff in the home land, or in a school conducted by Brother Ryff in Africa. We recommend that Bishop MacGeary be requested to secure a Portuguese teacher for our Inhambane work until the man at first proposed is ready."

A communication was read from Dr. Backenstoe to the Board regarding his securing a license to practise medicine in South Africa, a part of which read as follows: "The third and probably the best plan is to obtain a license from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of England. The four years' course of my Alma Mater is already recognized by the licensing board, and the examinations of the fifth year alone are required. The expenses for a year in England or Scotland are estimated at from \$500 to \$750. The Secretary of the Edinboro Medical Missionary Society, S. Sargood Fry, writes that their society might assist to the extent of licensing fee (£30 sterling) in case the funds are available. I therefore offer for your consideration the following proposition: That the Board pay our transportation to England: grant the regular \$500.00 salary, and in case of a failure of the Edinboro Medical Mis-

sionary Society to donate license fee of £30 sterling, the Board to loan us this amount. That I, on my part, will go to England and take the necessary course and examinations to enable me to practise under British Authority in South Africa; and, if desired by the Board, enter upon some agreement whereby the funds diverted for this purpose shall revert to the treasury of the Board, in case the license is not obtained, or that we for some reason other than disability or death, should not return to our work in Africa."

Report of committee: "We recommend that Dr. Backenstoe's offer as embodied in his letter of September 9, 1912, be accepted with preference for the third suggestion for English license plan, but that the final decision as to which plan is followed be left with the Missionary Secretary and Dr. Backenstoe, and in the contingency of Dr. Backenstoe's failure to return to Africa for any reason save disability from sickness or death, we accept his offer to reimburse the Board for all his expenses above the year's salary (\$350.00), which he and his wife would naturally receive in the home land." This part of the report was adopted.

The committee made a supplementary report regarding Dr. Backenstoe, as follows: "In the case of Dr. Backenstoe and wife, since it appears that it is now too late to begin his medical course at Edinboro until May 1, 1913, and therefore more time is needed, we recommend as supplementary to the previous report that he be given until July, 1914, to complete his medical course in Edinboro; that during his course they be granted the usual salary of missionaries on the field; and previous to that time they be granted the usual salary of missionaries at home." This report was adopted.

Action was taken in the case of Mabel E. Kidny, as follows: "That Mabel E. Kidny be accepted as a missionary to Africa and sent out during the coming year if funds will warrant; and, inasmuch as it is understood that she expects to be married to James S. Rice; and, inasmuch as the exigencies of the case seem to require, we, upon the advice of the local missionaries in Africa, recommend that they be permitted to marry before leaving for the foreign field."

Inasmuch as the funds will not warrant the Board in sending out more missionaries to Africa at the present time, the Board adopted the following report of the committee: "That Florence E. Jolly, Sopha Eberman, William E. Keasling and wife, Ralph Jacobs and wife, George E. Mills and wife and Daisy M. Hunter be informed by the Secretary that as the list of applicants for Africa is so full, there is no prospect of their being sent out in the near future.

Further report was made in the case of Florence E. Jolly, Daisy M. Hunter, Sopha Eberman, William E. Keasling and wife: We recommend that the Secretary be instructed to write them that while there are few applicants for some fields, the list for Africa is crowded with candidates, that it is impossible for the Board to send at present, and probably they will not soon be needed for that field, but that the Secretary inquire of them if they will accept appointments to other fields.

Report was made regarding furloughs for W. S. Woods and wife, as follows, and was adopted: "Inasmuch as the time will soon arrive when W. S. Woods and wife will be entitled to a furlough, we recommend that they be granted a furlough when it is due, but if at that time the Missionary Bishop thinks that the needs of the field demand it, he may ask them to remain longer on the field if they feel that they can consistently do so.

Further report was made in the case of Ralph Jacobs and wife, recommending that they be continued on the list of applicants. This report was adopted.

INDIA

J. T. Taylor was elected superintendent and treasurer of our mission in India on recommendation of the India missionaries.

The Industrial Department of the Boys' School in India was placed under the following regulations:

(1) The one in charge of that department shall be given a free hand to do as his judgment dictates in the matter of taking contracts, making prices for work, hiring necessary help to get work done, or to training the boys industrially.

(2) In minor matters similar to the above he cannot be expected in every instance to wait for a meeting of the missionaries to be called, and their sanction obtained before going ahead, but must be allowed a reasonable amount of initiative.

(3) In such weighty matters as erecting buildings for the department, installing new machinery, engaging in new enterprises, or, in any other venture involving the outlay of considerable sums of money and the welfare of the work, it is expected that he will always consult with the Bishop and the missionaries and be governed by the decisions of that body in the regular way.

(4) In lesser matters, it would be in order for him at all times to consult with the Superintendent on that field so that they together may share the responsibility in all matters that are of more than ordinary importance.

(5) In all spiritual and religious work he shall sustain the same relation to the missionary body as the other missionaries.

The following recommendations made by the committee on Africa and India, were adopted:

That the \$163.13 for shop equipment be loaned to the Industrial Department at Yeotmal, as asked by S. D. Casberg and endorsed by Bishop MacGeary, and its repayment in instalments be allowed.

That the \$70.00 for tire shrinker, tire bender and band saw be also loaned to the Industrial Department, for the present, and its repayment in instalments be allowed.

It appears also that there was an order for a forge, some mechanics' tools and other articles, but we have not ascertained the prices. The expense, however, will not be great. We recommend that money be loaned the Industrial Department to pay for the above named articles, and its repayment in instalments be allowed.

Resolution on Rest Home: WHEREAS, A request has been made by the missionaries in India that a rest home be provided for their use during the hot season; and,

WHEREAS, A proposition has been submitted by them relative to a building which could be bought for that purpose at a figure not exceeding \$5,000, which is considered an unmistakable bargain; and,

WHEREAS, The W. F. M. S. has proposed to give \$1,000 from their contingent fund for this purpose, provided the General Missionary Board decides to make the purchase, in view of the imperative need of such a home, and of this conditional offer from the W. F. M. S.; therefore,

We recommend that this Board authorize the Missionary Secretary to immediately enter into negotiations with the parties concerned for the purchase of a Rest Home as requested; and,

We also recommend that the Board appropriate \$1,000 this year, and further, that the remainder of the \$5,000 be paid in yearly instalments of \$1,000 each.

If, however, in order to secure the property, all cash must be paid, further negotiations shall be left with the Missionary Secretary and the Board of Directors.

This report was adopted.

The Missionary Secretary was requested to make appeals, and raise this special fund for a Rest Home in such ways as he thinks best.

The Board considered the cases of Rev. Osman P. Ellis and wife, candidates for the India field. The Executive Committee of the W. F. M. S. brought in the following report concerning Sister Ellis: "Questionable on account of her health, but recommended if the Board decide to send her husband." This report was received. These cases were referred to the Board of Directors.

The following report was adopted: "In view of the urgent need of India,

we recommend that the Missionary Secretary secure a man and his wife and a trained nurse, preferably M. C. Clarke and wife and Miss Grace Stewart, for India field, if possible, and that the Board of Directors send them out as soon as the funds will warrant.

Mary P. DeMombrou was continued on the list of applicants for India.

In the case of Marguerita Keister, it was recommended that her name be entered on the list of applicants for India, having been passed and recommended by the Woman's Board.

In the case of Effie Faulkner, the Board adopted the recommendation that in view of her state of health she be not sent out this year.

Sylvester Antrim and wife were discontinued as applicants for India.

The Committee on Africa and India made further report regarding the granting of furlough to S. D. Casberg and wife as follows:

Resolved, That in view of the emergency arising from the sickness of S. D. Casberg and wife, and the pressing necessity of their return to the India Industrial work as soon as possible, we approve of the action of the Missionary Secretary, and subsequent approval of the Missionary Bishop, in granting them a furlough to the hills instead of returning them to the home land.

On motion the report was adopted.

The following report of the committee was adopted: "In harmony with the request of Mata D. Allee, we recommend that she be discontinued as a Board missionary."

JAPAN

The matter of making presents to the native workers in Japan was taken up and the following resolutions adopted:

Resolved, That the matter of giving presents to native helpers in Japan, when they shall terminate their services with us, be left with whomsoever the Board may send to Japan, to adjust with our missionaries in Japan, or to return recommendations to the Board concerning the matter.

Resolved further, That, if such arrangement as is asked for concerning this matter be judged advisable, we would recommend that such gifts should be made, as far as possible, from money raised on the field, and providing that no one visit the field during the coming year that this matter be deferred for one year.

The following resolution, presented by the Committee on China and Japan, was passed by the Board:

WHEREAS, Our Japan mission has made request for greater prerogatives in regard to the election of Superintendent; and,

WHEREAS, To grant them these prerogatives would be to establish a precedent, which our other missions would expect followed in regard to the election of superintendent; therefore, we deem it best for the present to leave the matter as it is; and recommend that they take a secret ballot and send to the Secretary for presentation to the Board at the annual meeting to give information in appointing the Superintendent.

The following resolution was adopted. "*Resolved*, That in case a man is appointed as teacher in the Training School at Osaka, it be left discretionary with the Missionary Secretary to pay as much of his expenses, in taking a course in Dr. White's Bible School as may be deemed necessary."

In the case of Mr. S. Hishikawa, the Board adopted the following recommendation: "Understanding that it is the desire of Mr. S. Hishikawa to remain in the University of Washington the coming year, and later return to Japan, we recommend that the Secretary inform him that if he be pleased to return at once to Japan, or as soon as arrangements can be made to do so, as a Free Methodist minister, he be sent there.

In view of the return of Rev. Matthias Klein and wife to the home land, the Board requested that Rev. August Youngren and wife return to Japan as soon as possible.

Permission was granted the Japan Mission to sell the Nippon Bashi property now owned by the Board, providing it can be done advantageously.

The proposition to build a house for the missionaries at Akashi, Japan, was considered, and it was recommended that this matter be deferred for one year, unless the Board of Directors wish to act earlier.

The recommendation that unmarried missionaries be allowed the same salary as married missionaries, who have no children, was adopted.

The matter of adopting the plan proposed for a self-supporting Japanese church was deferred until such time as the Missionary Secretary, or some person authorized by the Board, visit the field, and investigate concerning the plan proposed, the Board leaving it with him to decide as to what course shall be pursued.

In view of the conditions existing in China and Japan, especially in the latter place, the Board requested that the Missionary Secretary visit these countries during the coming year.

A letter was read, which had been received by W. B. Rose, sent in care of our General Superintendent, Rev. B. T. Roberts, who died many years ago, in which the writer, Sidney L. Gulick, of the theological department of the First Christian University of Japan, formerly called the Doshisha, expressed his desire to place one hundred copies of Rev. B. T. Roberts' book, entitled, "Fishers of Men," in the hands of as many English-reading Japanese pastors. He desired that these books be contributed in aid of the work of the Lord among their people. The Board agreed to pay for half of the books and the Executive Committee for the other half.

CHINA

The following recommendations regarding Dr. A. L. Grinnell, who has recently gone out to China under our Board, were adopted:

"We recommend that Dr. Grinnell not only consult with our own missionaries, but, especially, with physicians and medical missionaries of other denominations as to his location for the first two years while acquiring the language.

"From our present knowledge of the situation, we favor his going to Ki Hsien for the present year. We also recommend that he endeavor to make arrangement to do part hospital work at Kai Feng his second year, and devote the remainder of his time to the study of the language.

"We emphatically recommend that he devote himself to the acquiring of the native language during the first year.

"We make the foregoing recommendations with a view of Dr. Grinnell's probable final settlement at Ki Hsien. We recommend that any other matters of importance, not requiring immediate action, be deferred for consideration by the Missionary Secretary, who has been instructed to visit the field."

The Board accepted Misses Agatha Kelly and Effie Ross as missionaries to China, the time of their outgoing to be left with the Board of Directors.

The Secretary was requested to write to the Presbyterian missionaries at Tsing Kiang Pu, expressing the appreciation of the Board for their kindness and the help they have given our mission at that place.

The Board approved of the request of the missionaries in China that Mr. Schlosser be permitted to have the orphans remain in the city of Tsing Kiang Pu, instead of on the farm, if in his judgment this is thought best.

The action of the Secretary, in cabling Mr. Schlosser that he could do this, and for him to use \$200, gold, and some material on hand to provide a house for the children in the city, if thought best, was approved.

The Board requested that Mr. Schlosser see the Southern Presbyterian missionaries, having in view the securing of a more definite guarantee of the use of the property by our mission after the expiration of our term of lease.

The recommendation that N. S. Honn and wife be continued on the list of missionaries, with a salary of \$350 for the year, and that they be recommended to the department of Home Missions, with a view to their taking up work among the Chinese in the home land, was adopted.

In the case of Miss Edith F. Jones, the Committee on China and Japan

recommended that if circumstances will permit she be returned to China a year from this fall; that she leave this country in August, and be given permission to stop over in Japan from sixty to ninety days for the purpose of studying methods from our missionaries in that country, especially with reference to the employing of native helpers. We further recommend that during her stay in America she be allowed \$200 per year salary. These recommendations were adopted by the Board.

The Board voted to leave the matter of the return of F. J. Fletcher and wife with the Missionary Secretary. They to be returned as soon as their health will permit, and to be allowed \$350 salary a year while in the home land.

The Committee on China and Japan presented the following report which was adopted: "Having considered the report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel sent to the Missionary Secretary by the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, and which was recommended by a special conference on China, held February 29, 1912, we hereby recommend that our Board approve of the general policy sent to our Secretary, and recommend that we, as a Board, cooperate in the matter as far as practicable."

C. F. Appleton was elected Superintendent of the China mission.

Miss Mattie J. Peterson was elected treasurer in China, except for those funds sent for use at the orphanage.

George D. Schlosser was elected treasurer of our own funds and those of the *Christian Herald*, in relation to the China Orphanage.

The Board accepted of Miss Letitia Chandler and Miss Bernice M. Wood to be sent to China to assist in the orphanage at Tsing Kiang Pu, they having been recommended by the Woman's Board. It is expected that if Miss Wood is not available for the work this year, Miss Chandler will go out as soon as possible without her.

The following resolution was adopted by the Board: We recommend that the Missionary Secretary write to George D. Schlosser, who is now in charge of the orphanage at Tsing Kiang Pu, and state to him the proposition of Dr. Sandison of the *Christian Herald*, whereby he would be permitted to send articles to the *Christian Herald*, giving information concerning the need of supporters for orphans, and make appeals for these.

If such appeals do not secure the necessary funds, we recommend that the Secretary be authorized to make appeals for supporters of orphans through the *Free Methodist* and *Missionary Tidings*, and in case of any special emergency, he be authorized to draw on the treasury for the time being for their support.

GENERAL MISSIONS

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1912-1913

Arkansas and Southern Missouri..	W. C. Bostian, D. E.....	\$ 75.00
Arkansas and Southern Missouri..	P. M. Shipley, Pastor.....	45.00
California	Hughson	10.00
California	Ione	10.00
California	Aromas	10.00
California	Ripon	10.00
California	Supply at Modesto.....	10.00
Central Illinois	St. Louis	75.00
Central Illinois	Bloomington	40.00
Colorado	Two district elders, \$25.00 each....	50.00
Columbia River	District elder of Boise district, F. E. Pond	40.00
Columbia River	Pastor at Kalispell, Mon. G. T. Klein	20.00
Columbia River	Pastor at Deer Flat, Ind. M. L. Root	20.00
East Michigan	Lansing	75.00

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1912-1913—CONTINUED

East Michigan	St. Johns	25.00
East Michigan	Sandusky	25.00
East Michigan	Siloam, Nestor and Canfield	25.00
East Ontario	Midland Mission, for Ethel Davey, supply	35.00
East Ontario	Campbellford charge, A. F. Ball, pastor	25.00
Illinois	Pastor at Rockford	50.00
Kansas	Pittsburgh, Roseland and Center Valley	10.00
Kansas	Jackson, S. H.	10.00
Kansas	Junction City	10.00
Kansas	Leavenworth	10.00
Kansas	Olathe	15.00
Kansas	Life Line Rescue Mission	25.00
Kansas	A. Neil, district elder	15.00
Kentucky and Tennessee	District elder	40.00
Louisiana	District elder	25.00
Michigan	Albion	25.00
Michigan	West Detroit	25.00
Minnesota and Northern Iowa	Estherville circuit	15.00
Minnesota and Northern Iowa	Winnebago circuit	15.00
Missouri	R. Medlock, district elder of St. Jo- seph district	30.00
Missouri	Pastor, St. Joseph circuit	25.00
Nebraska	Pastor of Blair circuit	20.00
North Dakota	Mission field of Ray, Angie and E. Montana	100.00
North Indiana	Request by the pastor, J. B. Robinett, not endorsed by conference (see letter of October 5, 1912)	
North Michigan	Traverse City	25.00
North Michigan	Zeeland	25.00
North Michigan	Hastings	25.00
North Michigan	Elmira	10.00
North Michigan	Empire	10.00
North Minnesota	F. O. Louis, district elder	20.00
North Minnesota	A. E. Knaak, pastor, Hartford circuit	15.00
North Minnesota	E. C. Madsen, Ft. Ripley	15.00
Oil City	Tyrone	50.00
Oil City	Williamsport	60.00
Oregon	White River circuit	30.00
Oregon	Madras circuit	30.00
Oregon	Lacomb	20.00
Platte River	District elder of North Platte dis- trict	50.00
Pittsburgh	Conference trustees to repay a loan of this amount given to E. E. Shel- hamer from the conference treas- urer last year	75.00
Pittsburgh	E. E. Shelhamer	75.00
South Dakota	Kennebec and Draper	15.00
South Dakota	Mitchell	15.00
South Dakota	Sioux Falls	25.00
South Dakota	Elder of Western district	10.00
Susquehanna	H. C. Bassett	25.00
Susquehanna	S. Ghent, for use at Worcester, Massachusetts	50.00

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1912-1913—CONTINUED

Susquehanna	G. L. Skinner, for use at Massenna, New York	37.50
Southern Oregon	District elder, B. F. Smalley.....	75.00
Southern California	District elder, J. E. Cochran, River- side district	40.00
Southern California	Pastor at Riverside.....	30.00
Southern California	Pastor at Long Beach.....	30.00
Southern California	Imperial Valley	30.00
Texas	District elder of Amarillo district.. (This application signed by district elder)	60.00
Texas	Pastor at San Antonio.....	25.00
Texas	Pastor at San Marcos.....	15.00
Wabash	Terre Haute	50.00
Wabash	Evansville mission	50.00
West Iowa	Pastor at Council Bluffs.....	25.00
West Iowa	Pastor at Polk City circuit.....	25.00
Washington	Blaine charge	15.00
Washington	Bellingham charge	15.00
Washington	Cedro Valley charge	25.00
Washington	Edmonds charge	15.00
Washington	Grand View charge	25.00
Washington	North Yakima charge.....	15.00
Washington	Hillman City charge	15.00
Washington	Sunnydale charge	15.00
West Ontario	Essex charge	40.00
West Ontario	Ridgway charge	25.00
West Ontario	Medford charge	30.00
Total		\$2,542.50
Salaries of four general conference evangelists.....		2,000.00
Total		\$4,542.50

TREASURER'S REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

From October 1, 1911, to October 1, 1912

Received on the Mary Kent will.....	\$2000 00	
Received from W. F. Brockman for R. M. Whitcomb.....	100 00	
Received in small amounts during the year.....	21 84	\$2121 84

PAID OUT

To R. M. Whitcomb	150 00	
To Mrs. Tocci, \$125.00, returned \$13.00.....	112 00	
To H. M. Council.....	25 00	\$ 287 00
Balance on hand October 1, 1912.....		\$1834 84

NOTE: The above report does not include the funds which it is made the duty of the pastors to raise, according to paragraph 266, page 160 of the Discipline.

TREASURER'S REPORT ON GENERAL MISSIONS

From October 1, 1911, to October 1, 1912

CONFERENCE	Apportionment	Paid	CONFERENCE	Apportionment	Paid
Arkansas and So. Missouri.	\$ 20 40	\$ 13 65	Ohio	\$ 155 40	\$ 155 40
California	56 85	56 85	Oil City	292 50	292 50
Central Illinois	263 70	200 00	Oklahoma	131 10	131 10
Colorado	65 85	65 85	Oregon	95 10	95 10
Columbia River	62 10	62 10	Pittsburgh	251 10	251 10
East Michigan	300 90	300 90	Platte River	65 25	65 25
East Ontario	110 70	110 70	South Africa Mission		
Genesee	245 40	245 40	Southern California	104 10	104 10
Illinois	137 70	137 70	South Dakota	54 30	48 10
Iowa	117 15	117 15	Southern Oregon		
Kansas	130 65	130 65	Susquehanna	205 05	205 05
Kentucky and Tennessee	41 70	41 70	Texas	107 55	61 00
Louisiana	26 25	5 25	Wabash	159 30	159 30
Michigan	152 55	152 55	Washington	136 65	136 65
Minnesota and No. Iowa	47 40	47 40	Western Canada	37 50	37 50
Missouri	40 05	40 05	West Iowa	62 85	57 50
Nebraska	58 80	58 80	West Kansas	88 80	88 80
New York	162 30	162 30	West Ontario	109 35	109 35
North Dakota	25 65	25 65	Wisconsin	93 90	93 90
North Indiana	58 65	58 65			
North Michigan	251 85	251 85			
North Minnesota	37 80	37 80			
			Total	\$ 4504 20	\$ 4414 65

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

From October 1, 1911, to October 1, 1912

PAID OUT

Amount paid to circuits and districts	\$3035 00	
Amount paid to evangelists	2000 00	
Amount paid expenses	304 60	\$5339 60

RECEIVED

Balance on hand October 1, 1911	\$ 260 47	
Amount received from S. K. Wheatlake, collected above salary	65 00	
Amount received from October 1, 1911 to October 1, 1912	4702 48	\$5027 95
Amount overdrawn October 1, 1912		\$ 311 65

FOREIGN MISSIONS

APPROPRIATIONS GRANTED FOR AFRICA
1912-1913

INHAMBANE

Salaries of Missionaries:			
Carroll Smith and wife	\$	500.00	
Elbert H. Wells and wife		500.00	
Extra for living expenses of four missionaries		160.00	
Allowance for two Smith children, one above eight years of age		75.00	
Miscellaneous:			
Fares to Inhambane		100.00	
Emergency fund		100.00	
Material for store room		50.00	\$ 1,485.00

AFRICA—CONTINUED

FAIR VIEW

Salaries of five missionaries:

G. G. Kessel and wife.....	\$ 500.00
F. Grace Allen	250.00
Lillie Agnew	250.00
Luella Newton	250.00
Allowance for Susie and Harry Agnew and Edward Kessel (over eight years).....	150.00

Teachers and Evangelists:

Teachers at out-station schools.....	150.00
One evangelist	50.00
Emergency fund for Fair View and Magog.....	100.00
To complete house at Magog.....	50.00
	\$ 1,750.00

FAIR VIEW GIRLS' HOME

Salaries of three native teachers.....	\$ 320.00
Current expenses	250.00
For donkeys	100.00
For cottage for teachers at Fair View.....	500.00

LAND PAYMENTS

For Itemba Mission Station.....	\$ 85.00
For Edwaleni Mission Station.....	160.00
	\$ 245.00

ITEMBA STATION

Salaries of Missionaries:

Lucy A. Hartman.....	\$ 250.00
Margaret A. Nickel.....	250.00
For Miss Cretors	50.00
Salary for two evangelists.....	200.00
Emergency fund	50.00
Refund of money borrowed the fourth quarter.....	170.78

	\$ 970.78
Less hut rents	40.00
	\$ 930.78

EDWALENI MISSION STATION

Native teacher's wages	\$ 90.00
Native evangelist's wages	150.00

	\$ 240.00
Less hut rents	40.00
	\$ 200.00

EDWALENI TRAINING SCHOOL

Salaries of Missionaries:

N. B. Ghormley and wife.....	\$ 500.00
Maggie LaBarr	250.00
Allowances for four children, two over eight years of age	150.00
Extra for living expenses.....	75.00
Running expenses of school	100.00
Emergency fund	50.00
Material for finishing chapel.....	300.00
	\$ 1,425.00

AFRICA—CONTINUED

GERMISTON MISSION STATION

Salaries of Missionaries:

A. E. Haley and wife.....	\$	500.00	
Extra living expenses for two missionaries.....		50.00	
Allowances for two children (below eight years).....		50.00	
For teachers' salaries		250.00	
Sanitary fees		75.00	
Claim license		15.00	
Taxes		30.00	
Emergency fund		75.00	
Estimated amount needed for buying lots.....	1,000.00		\$ 2,045.00

GREENVILLE MISSION STATION

Salaries of missionaries:

A. M. Anderson and wife.....	\$	500.00	
Extra living expenses for two missionaries.....		50.00	
Wages for four native evangelists.....		400.00	
Native teacher for out-station		90.00	
Emergency fund		50.00	
Expenses of Girls' school.....		50.00	
School furnishings, maps, charts, etc., for main station and out-station		25.00	
Lumber for blackboards, benches, etc., for schools.....		25.00	
Iron, lumber, labor, for repairing house.....		100.00	
Native teacher at Greenville Station School.....		120.00	
Amount requested	\$	1,410.00	
Amount appropriated			\$ 1,250.00

NOTE: The Board suggests that the cut of \$160.00 be made on wages of four evangelists, item three.

CRITCHLOW MISSION STATION

Salaries of missionaries:

J. P. Brodhead and wife.....	\$	500.00	
Allowance for one child above eight years of age....		50.00	
Extra for two missionaries.....		70.00	
For native teacher at main station.....		150.00	
For three native evangelists.....		360.00	
For two out-station teachers		240.00	
For veranda posts and paint for house.....		50.00	
School furnishings for two schools.....		75.00	
Emergency fund		50.00	
Amount asked less \$30.00 for item 3.....	\$	1,545.00	
Amount appropriated for the station.....			\$ 1,375.00

NOTE: The Board suggests that the remaining cut of \$170.00 be made on native evangelists and teachers' allowances, items 5 and 6.

BALENI MISSION STATION

Native evangelist	\$	120.00	
Native teacher		120.00	
School furnishings		25.00	
Amount requested	\$	265.00	
Amount appropriated for the station.....			\$ 225.00

NOTE: Make the cut of \$40.00 wherever desired on appropriations for this station.

Total appropriation for Africa.....\$12,100.78

AFRICA—CONTINUED

For Missionary Bishop, salary, traveling expenses, house rent, etc.	\$ 1,200.00	
On expenses in moving household goods.....	43.00	\$ 1,243.00
Africa Missionaries on furlough:		
Salary of Jules Ryff and wife.....	\$ 350.00	
Allowance for one child	25.00	
Salary of Nellie A. Reed.....	200.00	
Allowance to Ethel A. Cook.....	25.00	
Salary of Dr. W. A. Backenstoe and wife—one quarter in home land.....	87.50	
For three quarters at \$500.00 a year in England.	375.00	
Total for Africa missionaries on furlough.....		\$ 1,062.50
Grand total		\$14,406.28

APPROPRIATIONS GRANTED FOR INDIA
1912-1913

Salaries of Missionaries:

J. T. Taylor and wife.....	\$ 500.00	
S. D. Casberg and wife.....	500.00	
H. M. Damon and wife.....	500.00	
E. F. Ward	250.00	
Ethel E. Ward	250.00	
Effie Southworth	250.00	
Rose Cox	250.00	
Louise D. Calkins.....	250.00	
Edith M. Santee	250.00	
Gertrude Alcorn	250.00	
Fred G. Mynett	250.00	
J. A. G. Whittle and Rose Whittle.....	250.00	
Allowances for five children of missionaries under eight years of age	125.00	\$ 3,875.00
S. D. Casberg, living expenses at the Hills, \$300.00, of which \$65.00 was sent on last year.....	\$ 235.00	
S. D. Casberg, traveling expenses to the Hills, \$85.00, which was sent on last year.....	85.00	
S. D. Casberg, for dentistry work.....	25.00	
Missionaries' expenses to the Hills.....	160.00	
Examination expenses for Ethel E. Ward.....	10.00	\$ 430.00
Native teachers and workers:		
Teachers at the Girls' school.....	\$ 210.00	
Teachers at the Boys' school.....	265.00	
Anandrao	200.00	
Govind, teacher	45.00	
Kapsibai, Bible woman	16.00	
David Barshi, preacher	85.00	
Mansing, preacher	40.00	
Samuel, preacher	40.00	
Bisribai, Bible woman	16.00	
Apaji Ardhawa, teacher	72.00	
Baji Master, preacher	85.00	
Vithal Master, teacher	70.00	
Arnubai, Bible woman	20.00	
Deshirbai, teacher	20.00	
Mathuria, teacher	24.00	
Rawibai, Bible woman.....	16.00	\$ 1,224.00

INDIA—CONTINUED

Boys' Orphanage:		
Boys' Orphanage bungalow	\$ 1,000.00	
Boys' Orphanage well, overdrawn.....	100.00	
Contingent fund for Boys' Orphanage and bungalow..	75.00	
Boys' Orphanage, repair fund, overdrawn.....	26.00	
Boys' support for last year, overdrawn.....	100.00	
Girls' Orphanage:		
Contingent fund for Girls' Orphanage and bungalow, and native masters' houses at Yeotmal.....	120.00	\$ 1,421.00
Yeotmal station:		
Taxes for Yeotmal building and property.....	\$ 40.00	
Yeotmal school building, amount overdrawn.....	250.00	
Yeotmal school furnishings	20.00	\$ 310.00
Wun Station:		
Iron fence at Wun	\$ 300.00	
Wun taxes	20.00	
Wun contingent fund and repairs.....	50.00	\$ 370.00
Umbri Station:		
Umbri fence and gate-pillars	\$ 80.00	
Completion of Umbri well	130.00	
Umbri contingent fund	50.00	\$ 260.00
Darwah Station:		
Darwah contingent fund	\$ 50.00	
Darwah school contingent fund.....	10.00	\$ 60.00
Miscellaneous:		
Digris land taxes	\$ 6.00	
Expenses on missionary boxes paid out last year....	60.00	
Incidental fund	25.00	\$ 91.00
Toward the Rest Home		1,000.00
Total appropriation for India		\$ 9,041.00

APPROPRIATIONS GRANTED FOR JAPAN
1912-1913

Salaries of Missionaries:		
S. E. Cooper and wife.....	\$ 550.00	
Three children below eight years of age.....	165.00	
R. W. Millican and wife.....	550.00	
Minnie K. Hessler	275.00	
W. L. Meikle and wife.....	550.00	
Three children over eight years of age.....	247.50	
Two children under eight years of age.....	110.00	\$ 2,447.50
Salaries of Workers:		
T. Kawabe	\$ 270.00	
B. Horuchi	225.00	
H. Maeda	150.00	
Y. Nishizaka	180.00	
S. Onoda	180.00	
S. Oya	180.00	
M. Abe	135.00	
M. Kamemizu	90.00	
K. Kudo	195.00	
K. Onoda	165.00	
Y. Aoki	165.00	
K. Oye	210.00	
T. Omura	90.00	
Mrs. Omura	60.00	
Miss T. Endo	72.00	

JAPAN—CONTINUED

Three students (young men).....	198.00
Five students (young women).....	300.00
Miss Tamaki, music teacher in Bible school.....	15.00
I. Sasakawa	48.00

Amount requested	\$ 2,928.00	
Amount granted for workers.....		\$ 2,500.00

RENTS:

Osaka District:

Shitadera Machi chapel.....	\$ 204.00
Imamiya chapel	300.00
Namba chapel	120.00

Awaji District:

Sumoto out-stations	38.00
Fukura and out-stations	60.00
Einura and out-stations	60.00
Shizuki	60.00

Akashi District:

Akashi out-station	39.00
Miki	60.00
Missionary's residence	102.00

Amount requested	\$ 1,043.00	
Amount granted		\$ 800.00

The deficiency in appropriations allowed on "Salaries of Workers" and "Rents" may be made up from funds in the treasury in Japan, if necessary.

Miscellaneous:

Taxes	250.00
Tracts	50.00
Travel	200.00
Contingent fund	200.00
Insurance and office expenses.....	90.00
To aid permanent committee on Christian Literature	40.00
Fitting up new chapels in Osaka.....	50.00
Sumoto repairs	20.00
To paint Sumoto mission house.....	120.00
Osaka chapel repairs	50.00
Osaka fence	125.00
Osaka mission house repairs.....	25.00
Sickness in M. Klein's family.....	37.75
Apportionment of Conference of Federated Missions	10.00

Amount asked with the exception of allowance for Akashi		
Mission House	\$ 1,267.75	
Amount appropriated		\$ 1,100.00

NOTE: There is a cut of \$167.75 made on the miscellaneous appropriations and the Board suggests that it be left with the missionaries to determine from what funds this amount shall be taken.

Japan missionaries on furlough:

Matthias Klein and wife.....	\$ 300.00	
For three children	75.00	\$ 375.00

Grand total for Japan

\$ 7,597.50

APPROPRIATIONS GRANTED FOR CHINA 1912-1913

Salaries of Missionaries:

C. F. Appleton and wife	\$ 550.00
G. H. Scofield and wife.....	550.00
Three children under eight.....	150.00
F. R. Millican and wife.....	550.00
One child	50.00
Dr. A. L. Grinnell and wife.....	550.00
One child	50.00
Lucy H. Tittmore	275.00
Mattie J. Peterson.....	275.00
Maud W. Edwards	275.00

Amount appropriated	\$ 3,275.00
Amount on hand	50.00

Amount to be sent	\$ 3,225.00
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Rents:

Ki Hsien Evangelist's home	\$ 20.00
Jungtseh Boys' School	20.00
Jungtseh Ladies' compound	40.00

Travel	100.00
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Transfer agency	50.00
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Out-stations:

Ki Hsien	30.00
Kaifeng	30.00
Jungtseh	30.00

Chinese Helpers:

Kaifeng	\$ 150.00
Cheng Chow	100.00
Ki Hsien	160.00
Jungtseh	200.00

Covered by surplus funds in China.....	\$ 930.00
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Requests for schools not granted.

Contingent:

Kai Feng	\$ 55.00
Cheng Chow	30.00
Ki Hsien	50.00
Jungtseh	50.00
General Contingent	20.00
	\$ 205.00

Dr. Parrott, for services rendered at Shanghai.....	85.00
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Purchase and repair of property:

Jungtseh—purchase of adjoining property.....	\$ 250.00
Jungtseh—to finish porch and repairs.....	50.00
Jungtseh—for digging well	50.00
Kai Feng—compound wall	75.00

Amount asked	\$ 425.00
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Amount granted	\$ 325.00
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NOTE: A cut of \$100.00 has been made on these items, and the Board requests that the missionaries determine from what amounts this shall be taken.

Refund in living expenses of missionaries during their stay at Shanghai, because of Revolution.....

	250.00
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Refund on Honn's and Fletcher's expenses in returning to America

	800.00
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Amount of refund	\$ 1,050.00
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Credit of amount cabled to Miss Jones and not used.....	175.00
	\$ 875.00

CHINA—CONTINUED
ORPHANAGE—TSING KIANG PU

Salaries of Missionaries:

George D. Schlosser and wife.....	\$ 550.00	
One child	50.00	\$ 600.00

Miscellaneous:

Chinese helpers	\$ 130.00	
School	100.00	
Contingent	30.00	
Emergency	150.00	
Doctor	25.00	

Amount asked\$ 435.00

Amount appropriated\$ 400.00

NOTE: The Board suggests that the cut of \$35.00 in the "Miscellaneous" items be made in the first and second requests under that head, but leaves it with the missionaries to decide.

Building:

Wall up the roadway.....	\$ 100.00	
Iron roofing for boys' building.....	75.00	
Repairs on old compound.....	50.00	

Amount appropriated\$ 225.00

Total appropriated for China.....\$ 5,940.00

China missionaries on furlough:

Salary of Edith F. Jones.....	\$ 200.00	
Salary of Fred J. Fletcher and wife.....	350.00	
Two children	50.00	
Salary of N. S. Honn and wife.....	350.00	\$ 950.00

Grand total \$ 6,890.00

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Salaries of Missionaries:

E. H. Stayt and wife.....	\$ 500.00	
Nellie M. Whiffen.....	250.00	

For rent, etc. 250.00

Additional for purchase of property..... 500.00

Outgoing expenses of Miss Ethel Newton..... 80.00

Total for Dominican Republic.....\$ 1,580.00

OTHER EXPENSES

Contingent expenses	\$ 300.00	
Secretary's salary	650.00	
Treasurer's salary	450.00	
Office, traveling expenses, etc.....	800.00	
To be appropriated by the Board.....	300.00	\$ 2,500.00

ESTIMATED AMOUNT TO RETURN MISSIONARIES TO THE FOREIGN FIELD:

Dr. W. A. Backenstoe and wife, fares and expenses to England	\$ 130.00	
August Youngren and wife's ocean fares from Seattle to Kobe, Japan	208.00	
Other expenses	25.00	
House furnishings	50.00	

Total\$ 413.00

AMOUNT WHICH MAY BE NEEDED TO RETURN MISSIONARIES TO THE HOME LAND

Matthias Klein and wife's fares from Japan to Seattle..	\$	220.00	
Fares for three children		165.00	
Expenses from Seattle to Chicago.....		100.00	
Total.....	\$		485.00
A. E. Haley and wife's fares from Durban to New York..	\$	310.00	
Fares and incidental expenses to Durban.....		15.00	
Fares and incidental expenses, New York to home.....		36.00	
Fares of two children		60.00	\$ 421.00
Total.....	\$		906.00

ESTIMATED AMOUNT FOR SENDING OUT NEW MISSIONARIES:

AFRICA			
J. S. Rice, fare, outfit, salary, etc.....	\$	450.00	
Expenses, etc., for another missionary.....		450.00	
INDIA			
Three missionaries, fares, etc.....	\$	870.00	
Outfits		225.00	
Salaries for nine months.....		562.50	
JAPAN			
Mr. Hishikawa	\$	150.00	
CHINA			
Expenses for sending two persons to this country, and allowances for nine months.....	1,065.00	\$	3,772.50
Traveling expenses of Missionary Secretary to Japan and China	\$ 500.00	\$	500.00
Total		\$	4,272.50

SUMMARY

Total for Africa, including salaries of missionaries on furlough	\$14,466.28
Total for India.....	9,041.00
Total for Japan, including salaries of missionaries on furlough	7,597.50
Total for China, including salaries of missionaries on furlough	6,890.00
Total for Dominican Republic.....	1,580.00
Other expenses	2,500.00
Return missionaries to the foreign field.....	413.00
Bringing missionaries to the home land.....	906.00
For sending out and paying the allowances of new missionaries to the different foreign countries.....	3,772.50
Traveling expenses of Missionary Secretary to Japan and China	500.00
Grand total	\$47,666.28

GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD (Incorporated June 19, 1885).

1. CORPORATE NAME.—“The General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church of North America.”
2. OBJECT.—“To collect, receive, hold, expend, pay out and dispose of any property, real or personal, or of whatsoever nature, and wherever situated, as allowed by law, that may be given, obtained, or held in aid of the general

missionary work of the Free Methodist church, either on the home or foreign field."

The Master's great "Commission" calls for more laborers. Who will help the Board to send them forth?

FORMS OF BEQUEST

BEQUEST FOR MISSIONS—"I give and bequeath to the General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church of North America, incorporated under the general law of the State of Illinois, for foreign missions, the sum of [here state the amount]; and the receipt of the treasurer thereof shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same."

If it be a devise of land the following form should be observed: "I give and devise [here give the title of the board as above] the following lands and premises: that is to say, [brief description here]; to have and to hold the same, with appurtenances, to the said Board, its successors and assigns forever."

If the bequest is for Home Missions, observe the form as above, excepting, insert the words "Home Missions" in the place of Foreign Missions.

Requests to the Church Extension Board the same as the foregoing except the name of the board.

THE BETTER WAY

A better way to aid these general benevolences of the church, if possible, is to make your gifts while you live, according to the following form:

GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD OF THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

1132-1134 Washington Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois

I of
hereby donate and deliver upon the conditions named herein.....

.....
to the General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church of North America, for the purposes and objects for which said corporation was incorporated.

In consideration of such donation the General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church of North America agrees to pay said.....

.....during.....life interest annually at.....per cent on said principal sum. In case of sickness or disability, by giving three months' notice, said Board agrees to pay, at any one time, an amount not exceeding

.....of said principal sum of.....
to supply the special needs of.....and give

.....a proper support and maintenance. Additional demands may be made by said.....for

payments from the principal to meet.....special needs, but such calls shall not be oftener than once in three months.

All of the principal and interest of the before mentioned donation remaining in the hands of the said Board, at the time of my death, shall be absolutely in the hands of the Board, to be used as it may judge best for missionary purposes, no reversion of principal or interest to my heirs after my decease.

In witness whereof the parties have hereunto set their hands and seal thisday of.....19....

Signed and delivered in the presence of:

.....(Seal).
.....(Seal).
.....(Seal).

NOTE.—Such gifts to be kept invested until the death of the givers, unless they request otherwise.

(For further information address the missionary secretary, Rev. B. Winget, Chicago, Illinois, 1132-1134 Washington boulevard.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF AFRICA, INDIA, JAPAN AND CHINA FOR THE YEAR 1912-1913

COUNTRY	NAME OF STATION	Number out-stations	American missionaries— Men	American missionaries— Women	Native male catechists, teachers and pastors	Native female catechists and religious helpers	Ordained native pastors	Organized churches	Members in full	Probationers	Total number native communicants	Adherents	Communicants added last year	Natives who receive instruction regularly	Estimated number who receive instruction occasionally during the year	Boys (not orphans) supported during past year	Girls (not orphans) supported during past year	Boy orphans supported the past year	Girl orphans supported the past year	Boy orphans now in orphanages	Girl orphans now in orphanages	Total number children in all schools —not including Sunday-schools	Sunday-schools	Officers and teachers
Africa	Inhabane.....	24	3	3	21	...	1	1	182	129	311	100	23	1300	15000	139	66	...	...	...	...	291	...	...
Africa	Umtsa, Germiston, Trans- vaal, Johannesburg.....	8	1	1	4	6	1	1	64	43	107	60	...	475	9000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Africa	Fair View.....	6	2	2	4	4	1	1	89	40	129	90	...	500	750	1	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Africa	Itemba.....	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	22	89	111	200	7	550	600	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Africa	Edwaleni.....	8	1	1	6	1	1	1	10	15	25	20	6	300	1000	10	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Africa	Greenville.....	5	1	1	2	3	1	1	17	19	36	30	14	150	1000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Africa	Orichlow.....	3	1	1	2	2	1	1	9	15	24	50	24	100	1100	5	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
India	Ycetmal.....	...	2	4	9	6	1	1	5	19	63	62	16	260	10000	...	...	35	46	38	49	66	...	...
India	W. Daurah.....	...	1	2	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	10000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
India	Daurah.....	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	23000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
India	Umbri.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	10500	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Japan	Osaka.....	4	1	3	8	4	3	1	318	39	357	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Japan	Sumoto.....	10	1	1	2	3	1	2	120	189	309	...	51	...	9510	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Japan	Akashi.....	4	1	1	2	2	1	1	33	16	49	49	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Japan	Hyogo.....	21	...	...	1	1	1	1	22	40	62	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
China	Cheng Chow.....	...	...	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
China	Jungtsien Hsien.....	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	...	15	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
China	Kiang Fu.....	...	1	1	2	2	1	1	16	...	16	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
China	K. Hsiao.....	3	1	1	2	1	1	1	...	...	16	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
China	Tsing Kiang Pu.....	...	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	10	10	...	...	75	...	...	46	22	46	21	68	...	...
Dominican Rep., W. I.	...	...	1	4	1	...	...	...	...	5	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	105	22	40	75	28	8	17	1004	629	1619	628	141	4192	106535	155	85	81	68	84	70	684	42	129

FOREIGN MISSIONS

TREASURER'S REPORT

From October 1, 1911, to October 1, 1912

Balance on hand October 1, 1911.....		\$ 2737 09
Specials on hand, sent as specials.....	\$ 2222 65	
Specials received here, sent as specials.....	1148 31	
Specials received here, transferred to General Fund.....	3852 11	
Specials received from Mrs. Jensen, transferred to General Fund.....	9044 96	
Specials received from Mrs. Jensen, sent as specials.....	3882 72	\$20150 75
Received from Mrs. Jensen, Elizabeth K. Winter Estate.....		5050 00
Received from Mrs. Jensen, on General Fund.....		27034 00
Received here on General Fund.....		2207 89
Received here from Elias B. Brown Fund.....		761 85
Received here from Spaulding Estate.....		538 46
Received here from Mary J. Taggart will.....		792 05
Received here from Charles Syreen will.....		100 00
Received here from Morris Reed bequest.....		100 00
		<u>\$59472 09</u>

PAID OUT

To Africa	\$17629 00	
To China	10299 68	
To India	8905 06	
To Japan	5685 56	
To Dominican Republic	\$ 1625 58	
To Dominican Republic, toward a Mission Home.....	1700 00	3325 58
Specials sent		5947 77
Expenses, annual meeting.....	639 19	
Expenses, sundries	2897 29	3536 48
		<u>\$55329 13</u>
		\$4142 96

Balance, as follows:

General Fund Balance.....	\$ 2837 39
Specials on hand to be sent.....	1305 57
	<u>\$ 4142 96</u>

Audited October 16, 1912, and found correct.

WALTER A. SELLEW, Auditor.

ADDITIONAL RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

CR.

China famine fund	\$ 390.86
Desks and seats for Edwaleni, South Africa.....	139.86

Total receipts \$ 530.72

DR.

China famine fund	\$ 390.86
Desks and seats for Edwaleni, South Africa.....	153.87
	<u>\$ 544.73</u>

Dr. balance \$ 14.01

REPORT OF SPECIAL RECEIPTS OF MONEY ON THE FOREIGN FIELD

Native contributions for all purposes.....	\$ 1,698.88
Received by missionaries in donations.....	185.00

Total receipts \$ 1,883.88

NOTE: The above figures, as far as Africa is concerned, are based on the report received a year ago.

AMOUNTS RAISED FOR ALL PURPOSES IN THE HOME LAND

From October 1, 1911, to October 1, 1912.....\$60,848.09
 Less amount on hand from previous year..... 2,737.09

Balance	\$58,111.00
Additional receipts:	
China famine fund—amount sent out.....	390.86
Desks and seats for Edwaleni, South Africa.....	139.86

Grand total from the home land.....\$58,641.72

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF FOREIGN MISSIONARIES

AFRICA

Miss F. Grace Allen, Fair View Mission Station, Umzumbi Rail, Natal, South Africa.
 Mrs. Lillie Agnew, Magog Mission Station, Umzumbi Rail, Natal, South Africa.
 Rev. G. G. Kessel and wife, Fair View Mission Station, Umzumbi Rail, Natal, South Africa.
 Miss Luella Newton, Fair View Mission Station, Umzumbi Rail, Natal, South Africa.
 Mr. W. S. Woods and wife, Fair View Mission Station, Umzumbi Rail, Natal, South Africa.
 Miss Lucy A. Hartman, Itemba Mission Station, Enqabeni Post, Natal, South Africa.
 Miss Margaret A. Nickel, Itemba Mission Station, Enqabeni Post, Natal, South Africa.
 Miss Maud Cretors (associate), Itemba Mission Station, Enqabeni Post, Natal, South Africa.
 Rev. N. B. Ghormley and wife, Edwaleni Mission Station, Punzi P. O., Alfred County, Natal, South Africa.
 Miss Maggie LaBarr, Edwaleni Mission Station, Punzi P. O., Alfred County, Natal, South Africa.
 Rev. J. P. Brodhead and wife, Critchlow Mission Station, Bizana, Pondoland, South Africa.
 Miss Myrta Smith (associate), Critchlow Mission Station, Bizana, Pondoland, South Africa.
 Rev. A. M. Anderson and wife, Greenville Mission Station, Edwaleni Post Office, Alfred County, Natal, South Africa.
 Rev. A. E. Haley and wife, Box 183, Germiston, Transvaal, South Africa.
 Mr. Elbert H. Wells and wife, Box 49, Inhambane, East Africa.
 Rev. Carroll Smith and wife, Box 49, Inhambane, East Africa.
 Rev. A. A. Miller and wife (associate), Box 49, Inhambane, East Africa.

AFRICA MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH

Rev. J. W. Haley and wife, St. Boswells, Saskatchewan, Canada.
 Dr. W. A. Backenstoe and wife, Emaus, Pennsylvania.
 Rev. Jules Ryff and wife, 68 West Etruria street, Seattle, Washington.
 Mr. Ole E. Kragerud, 52 Taftes Gate, Christiania, Norway.
 Miss Nellie A. Reed, Rosemond, Illinois.

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Rev. J. S. MacGeary, Malvern (Netley House), Natal, South Africa.

INDIA

Rev. J. T. Taylor and wife, Yeotmal, Province of Berar, India.
 Mr. Herbert M. Damon and wife, Yeotmal, Province of Berar, India.
 Mr. Fred G. Mynett, Yeotmal, Province of Berar, India.
 Miss Effie L. Southworth, Yeotmal, Province of Berar, India.
 Miss Edith M. Santee, Yeotmal, Berar, India.
 Miss Gertrude Alcorn, Darwah, Berar, India.
 Miss Louise D. Calkins, Darwah, Berar, India.
 Mr. J. A. G. Whittle and wife (associate), Wun, via Warora, Berar, India.
 Miss Rose A. Cox, Wun, via Warora, Berar, India.
 Rev. Ernest F. Ward, Umbri Village, Pandharkawada, Yeotmal, Berar, India.
 Miss Ethel E. Ward, Umbri Village, Pandharkawada, Yeotmal, Berar, India.

INDIA MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH

Mr. S. D. Casberg and wife, Montauban, Ootacamund, South India.
 Rev. M. C. Clarke and wife, corner Lombard and Pacific avenues, Everett, Washington.

JAPAN

Rev. S. E. Cooper and wife, Totsumura, Akashi, Japan.
 Miss Minnie K. Hessler, 1921 Hidein Cho, Tennoji, Osaka, Japan.
 Miss Ruth Mylander, 1921 Hidein Cho, Tennoji, Osaka, Japan.
 Mr. Roy W. Millican and wife, 1921 Hidein Cho, Tennoji, Osaka, Japan.
 Rev. Teikich Kawabe, 2824 Shita-dera Machi, Yochome, Minami Ku, Osaka, Japan.

JAPAN MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH

Rev. August Youngren and wife, 68 West Etruria street, Seattle, Washington.
 Rev. Matthias Klein and wife, 553 Ceres avenue, Los Angeles, California.

CHINA

Rev. C. Appleton and wife, Kai Feng Fu, Honan, China.
 Rev. George H. Scofield and wife, Jung Tseh Hsien, Honan, China.
 Miss Lucy H. Tittlemore, Jung Tseh Hsien, Honan, China.
 Miss Mand W. Edwards, Jung Tseh Hsien, Honan, China.
 Rev. Frank R. Millican and wife, Ki Hsien, via Kai Feng Fu, Honan, China.
 Miss Mattie J. Peterson, Ki Hsien, via Kai Feng Fu, Honan, China.
 Rev. George D. Schlosser and wife, Tsing Kiang Pu, via Chingkiang, China.
 Dr. A. L. Grinnell and wife, Cheng Chow, Honan, China.

CHINA MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH

Rev. F. J. Fletcher and wife, 6305 Latona avenue, Seattle, Washington.
 Rev. N. S. Honn and wife, Hermon, California.
 Miss Edith F. Jones, Jamestown, New York.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, SANTO DOMINGO, WEST INDIES

Rev. E. H. Stayt and wife, Miss Nellie M. Whiffen, Miss Eva Whiffen (associate), San Francisco de Macoris, Dominican Republic, West Indies.

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Mrs. Martha B. Hart, 1117 Park avenue, Alameda, California.
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 Mrs. Rebecca E. Sellev, 68 Falconer street, Jamestown, New York.
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 Mrs. Ida R. Winget, 1132 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.
 Mrs. Ella L. MacGeary, Malvern (Netley House), Natal, South Africa.

NOTE.—On page 368, on fourteenth line from top read, "north side of the island," instead of the south side.

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OF THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE W. F. M. S.

The executive committee of the W. F. M. S. of the Free Methodist church closed its tenth session Thursday, October 11, having held twelve sittings in their rooms in the publishing house in Chicago, the president, Mrs. Mary L. Coleman, presiding, with every member present. Two features were evident throughout the sittings, viz., the directness and promptness with which the business was despatched, and the real harmony and love manifested among the members of the committee. God favored us with His presence.

We were inspired by the presence of Missionaries Dr. Backenstoe and wife and Miss Edith Jones in our meetings. Miss Jones gave material assistance in solving some problems—notably in reference to boxes sent to the foreign fields. One conclusion which was to be universally emphasized was that the invoices sent with the boxes to the fields should always give wholesale prices on all new goods; books and many second-hand articles should be listed, but price left blank. All this to save duty charged at the foreign ports, which has many times been exorbitant because of high prices on the lists. The Central Box Committee will take up the instruction along this line.

The interests of our publications were much discussed, and determined as follows:

A story of the life of Sister M. H. Freeland is to be written by her daughter, Mrs. E. F. Shay, especially to interest the young people. A sketch of the life of Mary Chynoweth, to be written by Mrs. Ethel Clarke, and published in a small book, not costing over 50 cents. A new edition of 1,000 copies of the Clara Leffingwell book to be issued.

The second mission study book, to be on Africa, is expected to be published and ready for sale at next year's conferences. Mrs. Emma L. Hogue is to edit this book.

The very necessary increase in the subscription to the *Missionary Tidings* is

expected to be forthcoming as a result of letters to each local W. F. M. S. society soon to be sent them from the committee appointed by the executive committee.

The Missionary Calendar report showed a good profit for 1912. The Calendar for 1913 is nearly ready for sale, and one for 1914 was ordered prepared by the standing committee on publications.

The deliberations in reference to home missions were along the line of the openings presented: being among Italians at Hulburton, New York; the work now being done by Brother H. G. Ahlemeyer and daughter Bertha at Santa Monica, California; the favorable chances for work at Phoenix, Arizona, and Los Angeles, California, among the Spanish-speaking people. Recommendations to the general missionary board concerning this work were passed. W. H. Cook, wife and daughters, who are doing a good work among the lumbermen in Raleigh county, West Virginia, were recognized as our home missionaries.

Consideration of an offer of a building site for a missionary rest home on the Chicago district camp-ground at Glen Ellyn resulted in the decision that we deem it undesirable to have such a home in this country. It was recommended to the general missionary board that a rest home be secured in the hills in India for our missionaries, and an offer of \$1,000 from the contingent fund to help in securing such a home if the board so agrees.

Formal endorsement was made of the anti-opium crusade in China, as presented through a letter from Mrs. Wilbur Crafts, and a contribution of \$10 was made to the International Bureau, to further the same.

The election of Mrs. Martha Ebey, to fill the vacancy on the advisory board caused by the going home of our much-loved Sister M. H. Freeland, followed the expression of our sympathy for the loss of mother to the home missionary secretary, E. F. Shay; also the loss to our Junior superintendent, Mrs. Ida R. Winget, of her brother, Dr. Collins.

The vital connection between the Sunday-school and the missionary cause was emphasized by a recommendation that every Sunday-school have a missionary superintendent that will secure fifteen minutes at the close of the Sunday-school once a month in which to hold a study of the Junior mission study book, or other mission study; this superintendent to cooperate with the superintendent of Junior work. A collection, either by mite boxes or penny helpers, or otherwise, was advised.

The woman's executive committee realizes that our God has been directing, inspiring and encouraging our local workers throughout the connection, and we will "go forward" in doing all our work "as unto the Lord." The adjournment was marked by an outpouring of the tender Holy Spirit upon every heart, for which we bowed in gratitude.

Mrs. C. T. Bolles, Cor. Sec'y W. F. M. S.

REPORT OF W. F. M. S. CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, 1911-1912.

From your new Corresponding Secretary, Greetings:

I cannot relate the story of our small beginnings, and of our growth all the way to the present, from a personal engagement therein, like my honored predecessor—Sister Ella S. MacGeary; but since joining the ranks of the faithful sisters in 1896, I can surely testify to a constantly growing interest in and love for the work. Usefulness shall be my motto—for we are chosen to "bear much fruit."

We are constituted so much alike that I believe my testimony is in harmony with all—that the more knowledge I have the more interest and love I have—and "where the heart is there will the treasure" go also. It will go out beyond the limits of our own homes.

What is true of the individual is equally true in the societies; and from a close observation as treasurer of my own conference I conclude that the locals, the districts and the conferences that take up definite responsibilities for certain portions of the field (already engaged in by the Board), like the support of native workers, orphans, missionaries' children, or missionaries, have the most members, accomplish the most, report the best, and are the most blessed in having more definite subjects of prayer.

In this connection let me urge the use of our **Missionary Tidings**, the new **Junior Study Book on India** (which most of us Seniors need), and the frequent study of our Constitution and By-Laws in local meetings; and not least, the forming of study classes to broaden our vision. The much-neglected **Annual Minutes** is a fund of knowledge that we need to acquaint ourselves with, especially all the missionary reports. These would all greatly quicken our efficiency.

"Have thy tools ready, and the Lord will give thee work."

You cannot well drive a nail without some kind of a hammer.

I have endeavored to make the tabulated statistics so full of facts that we would find stimulus in studying and comparing conditions. Interesting deductions can be drawn from them, such as:

Tidings—Conferences having agents for **Tidings** usually have the most subscriptions, and report more fully what they do have. West Ontario reports a small proportion of subscribers. Illinois, North Michigan, Platte River and East Ontario find it hard to get any report on **Tidings**.

No Reports—Four of our good conferences failed to send any new reports for this year. California lost her president by removal, and her corresponding secretary by death. New York only reported new officers. North Dakota and Ohio have all old reports given. Another year we hope to have reports from the four unorganized conferences—left blank in statistical table. How much we need missionary evangelists to organize, instruct and inspire. If mention could be made on blanks of the special objects of regular support they could be mentioned in this report. There are only two so reporting this year. Susquehanna has supported a native worker and wife in Japan for nine years, and now he has been ordained as preacher. They have four missionaries from their conference on the field—two they wholly support, and two in part. Two missionaries' children and two orphans are supported by the Juniors, while two more orphans and one native worker are provided for by others. Southern California, with their usual enterprise, support three missionaries, nine native workers, and nineteen scholarships. The activity in the Sunday-schools on these lines, and the mission study classes are strong features of their work.

Boxes—Southern California sends no report of boxes sent this year. Washington—usually the leader in sending fruit and goods—sends no report. This is not a correct showing, and some others may be disappointed in the statistical report, but we would be so glad to have it all correct if we could have reports. Box reports vary much in prices because some give the retail and some the wholesale price. The Central Box Committee are to give specific directions this year. Read the **Missionary Tidings**!

Encouragement—Almost every conference report sounds a note of courage for the future, especially for the Juniors and young people, and for the Sunday-school missionary interest. In spite of loss in material things in its section, West Kansas has courage and faith for the future; Texas, through many changes, gathers up a partial report with hope. Missouri, though not reported, is "much interested." Oregon has "missionary fire." Oil City, standing next to Pittsburgh in number of Juniors and young people, finds "the Junior work especially encouraging." Oil City has the largest number of local societies of any, but Pittsburgh has the greatest membership enrolment. The **Missionary Tidings** has many earnest friends. President of Minnesota and Northern Iowa says, "I would do without butter a few days on my table, if necessary, before I would do without it." Many prize the enlargement. The Junior study book on India is gaining favor.

Blanks—As a last word I would repeat: **Get Blanks at publishing house—free. Use Blanks**—seven reported without. May we all be able to say with the corresponding secretary of the Southern California conference, "Interest and achievement seems to be the general slogan, and we devoutly thank God for His help given during the year."

Humbly submitted,

36 Stone street, Oneida, New York.

Mrs. Charlotte T. Bolles,
Corresponding Secretary.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CONFERENCE OFFICERS

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*No new addresses given corresponding secretary.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE W. F. M. S.

From October 1, 1911, to October 1, 1912

Conferences	Date of Organization	District Societies	Local Societies	Active Members	Honorary Members	Life Members	Y. P. and Junior Societies	Y. P. and Junior Members	Missionary Tidings	Tidings Agents	Missionary Library	Boxes—Goods, Fruit and Foreign Missions	Goods and Money—City Missions
†Arkansas & So. Missouri	1896	2	13	143	24	4	46	42	Yes	No	42 10	\$	
*California	1896	3	15	212	13	3	7	115	68	Yes	No	73 00	31 65
Central Illinois	1896	3	18	220	53	20	30	142	67	6	Yes	99 50	151 12
Colorado	1896	2	9	90	28	6	5	95	29	Yes	No	80 35	
Columbia River	1896	4	26	272	34	1	30	69	30	Yes	No	25 00	
East Michigan	1896	4	18	249	146	2	20	25	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Genesee	1895	4	29	513	108	23	351	175	Yes	No	220 75	32 69	
Illinois	1895	4	24	335	92	20	10	182	Yes	No	5 00		
Iowa	1894	3	9	136	23	11	7	107	28	Yes	No	37 50	25 00
Kansas	1894	5	13	142	13	4	4	60	25	Yes	No	65 50	15 00
†Kentucky & Tennessee	1896	1	5	33	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
†Louisiana	1896	1	5	33	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Michigan	1892	3	6	190	41	3	84	77	4	Yes	Yes	25 00	19 50
Minnesota & No. Iowa	1897	1	5	33	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	37 85	
†Missouri	1896	1	5	33	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Nebraska	1897	3	8	75	18	2	20	25	Yes	Yes	Yes		
*New York	1893	17	211	62	6	71	47	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
*North Dakota	1896	2	5	75	30	2	16	30	Yes	No	170 00		
North Indiana	1895	2	7	57	22	2	16	8	Yes	No	60 00	15 90	
North Michigan	1900	3	5	100	14	6	2	16	8	Yes	78 59		
North Minnesota	1898	2	7	40	6	2	16	8	Yes	No	78 59		
*Ohio	1892	5	15	234	21	1	90	165	17	7	40 00	75 00	
Oil City	1899	43	613	213	13	28	452	165	17	7	40 00	75 00	
Oklahoma	1899	5	17	185	17	2	4	57	42	Yes	Yes	6 00	
Oregon	1895	3	13	140	22	3	10	139	51	Yes	Yes	135 24	8 00
Pittsburgh	1892	6	30	780	343	18	29	640	199	Yes	Yes	96 34	41 25
Platte River	1896	4	3	70	22	25	2	20	Yes	Yes	29 00		
South Dakota	1892	4	9	105	24	41	5	112	30	Yes	Yes	50 00	105 75
Southern California	1899	2	15	283	98	7	380	154	Yes	Yes	233 00	247 89	
Susquehanna	1895	6	18	300	48	13	25	339	117	8	Yes	27 90	80 00
Texas	1894	1	5	100	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	33 85	
Wabash	1896	3	7	103	15	2	22	4	No	Yes	154 00		
Washington	1899	1	18	283	65	9	12	264	145	10	2		
Western Canada	1906	2	10	118	85	11	1	51	30	Yes	Yes	37 51	36 17
West Iowa	1896	2	11	98	9	1	1	14	Yes	No	148 50		
West Ontario	1895	3	24	361	195	17	365	43	Yes	Yes	17 65	72 05	
West Kansas	1897	4	14	150	46	5	3	30	36	Yes	No	7 40	102 15
Wisconsin	1891	5	18	216	34	8	15	145	68	Yes	No		
Total	113	513	7241	1989	219	256	4489	1757			\$ 2036 56	\$1059 22	

*Old report—No report sent.

†Not organized as conference.

The Missionary Tidings subscription list is larger than this report.

The total membership shows a gain, in spite of there being an error in last year's table of 200 honoraries—a gain of 254.

MRS. CHARLOTTE T. BOLLES, Corresponding Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

From October 1, 1911, to October 1, 1912

ARKANSAS AND SOUTHERN
MISSOURI—\$50.52 •

Foreign	\$ 45.52
Missionary debt	5.00

CALIFORNIA—\$5,875.80

Foreign	\$ 669.60
India orphans	30.50
Scholarships	10.00
Native workers, Africa.....	36.25
Missionary debt	27.60
Bible woman, India	35.00
Famine	2.55
Africa, India, China and Japan, from estate of Eliza- beth K. Winters, deceased..	5,050.00
Juniors	13.95
Delegates' expenses .....	.35

CENTRAL ILLINOIS—\$996.04

Foreign	\$ 566.17
Native worker, Japan	130.00
Missionary debt	40.00
Home missions	45.45
Sherman Cooper	158.00
Fair View Girls' Home cot- tage	22.36
Juniors	34.06

COLORADO—\$994.11

Foreign	\$ 561.31
India orphans	22.50
Scholarships	78.10
Native worker, Africa.....	40.65
Native worker, Japan	7.00
San Domingo home	32.85
Missionary debt	34.50
Native worker, India.....	67.31
Famine	46.32
Home missions	35.27
Eva Whiffen	60.00
China	3.00
Rose Cox	5.00
Juniors .....	.30

COLUMBIA RIVER—\$591.66

Foreign	397.49
Missionary debt	77.50
Home missions .....	.70
San Domingo home	72.88
Juniors	43.09

EAST MICHIGAN—\$1,236.45

Foreign	\$ 968.73
Scholarships	110.29
Home missions	3.91
Missionary debt	4.00
Mr. Honn's oldest child.....	25.00
Mr. Haley's girl.....	25.00
J. Ryff's child	25.00
Native worker, Africa.....	54.63
Juniors	17.18
Delegates' expenses	2.71

EAST ONTARIO—\$960.03

Foreign	\$ 855.95
Scholarships	34.00
Missionary debt	6.00
Floyd Appleton	25.00
Famine	7.57
Juniors	31.51

GENESEE—\$1,769.68

Foreign	\$1,271.35
India orphans	40.00
Scholarships	40.00
Native worker, Africa	15.00
Missionary debt	38.05
Home missions	47.54
San Domingo	16.50
Native worker, China.....	22.00
China famine	10.00
Fare, Edith Jones, from China	42.00
Juniors	222.59
Delegates' expenses	4.65

ILLINOIS—\$1,961.57

Foreign	\$1,551.26
India orphans	26.52
Scholarships	86.73
Fair View Girls' Home cot- tage	84.24
San Domingo Home	145.00
Home missions	4.58
Juniors	63.24

IOWA—\$783.90

Foreign	\$ 698.64
Home missions	11.02
Juniors	69.94
Delegates' expenses	4.30

KANSAS—\$841.26

Foreign	\$ 687.04
Scholarships	30.00
Native worker, Africa	60.00
Effie Southworth, for India..	55.00
Home missions90
Juniors	8.32

KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE—

\$58.00

Foreign	\$ 58.00
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LOUISIANA—\$19.50

Foreign	\$ 19.50
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MICHIGAN—\$1,125.36

Foreign	\$1,010.21
Scholarships	40.00
Missionary debt	12.50
Juniors	62.55
Delegates' expenses .....	.10

MINNESOTA AND NORTHERN

IOWA—\$380.58

Foreign	\$ 319.43
Scholarships	15.75
Native worker, India	30.00
Home missions	15.35
Delegates' expenses05

MISSOURI—\$44.40

Foreign	\$ 44.40
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NEBRASKA—\$342.52

Foreign	\$ 171.88
Scholarships	75.00
Native worker, Japan	60.00
Home missions	10.00
Native worker, India.....	20.00
Juniors	5.64

NEW YORK—\$1,230.26

Foreign	\$ 976.33
Scholarships	85.00
Missionary debt	1.10
Home Missions	1.40
Native worker, Africa.....	94.43
J. P. Brodhead and daughter	70.00
A. Youngren	2.00

NORTH DAKOTA—\$361.79

Foreign	\$ 77.35
Native worker, Africa	110.02
Missionary debt	132.10
Home missions	3.45
Robert Nacobo's education...	5.00
Damon children	33.87

NORTH INDIANA—\$448.92

Foreign	\$ 364.76
India orphans	22.55
Home missions	2.25
San Domingo home	35.22
Juniors	23.90
Delegates' expenses .....	.24

NORTH MICHIGAN—\$389.98

Foreign	\$ 303.28
India orphans	30.00
Scholarships	20.00
Missionary debt	5.00
Home missions	8.00
N. B. Ghormley	18.65
Juniors	3.50
Delegates' expenses	1.55

NORTH MINNESOTA—\$187.33

Foreign	\$ 136.74
Home missions	5.65
Missionary debt	12.00
Fair View Girls' Home cot-	
tage	28.62
Juniors	4.32

OHIO—\$2,026.00

Foreign	\$1,784.42
India orphans	68.00
Scholarships	10.00
San Domingo home.....	53.00
China famine	1.00
Missionary debt	18.25
Juniors	80.50
Home Missions	10.83

OIL CITY—\$3,884.12

Foreign	\$2,703.46
Scholarships	233.21
Famine	5.00
Native workers in Africa....	130.75
Critchlow Mission Station ...	400.00
Home missions	10.91
San Domingo	125.86
Boys' training school	13.80
Bible woman, India	32.00
Juniors	223.98
Delegates' expenses	5.15

OKLAHOMA—\$1,177.16

Foreign	\$1,102.21
Scholarships	20.00
Harry Agnew	31.25
Juniors	3.60
Delegates' expenses .....	.10
Missionary debt	20.00

OREGON—\$1,222.85

Foreign	\$ 569.26
Scholarships	55.20
Missionary debt	143.40
Home missions	32.02
San Domingo home.....	379.07
India	2.25
Juniors	41.65

PITTSBURGH—\$5,390.99

Foreign	\$4,007.04
Foreign, Mrs. Ella Mason....	445.00
India orphans	124.12
Scholarships	130.30
Native worker, India.....	30.00
Missionary debt	65.00
Inhambane type fund.....	1.19
Home missions	34.99
Native worker, Africa	15.37
Beulah Smith	15.00
China scholarship	20.00
Juniors	502.58
Delegates' expenses .....	.40

PLATTE RIVER—\$283.56

Foreign	\$ 47.95
Home missions .....	.45
Edith Santee	230.45
Juniors	4.71

SOUTH DAKOTA—\$667.45

Foreign	\$ 529.22
Missionary debt	57.00
Home missions	7.16
Katherine Klein	15.66
Juniors	58.41

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA—\$2,954.35

Foreign	\$ 185.34
India orphans	73.00
Scholarships	60.00
Native worker, Japan	240.00
Native worker, Africa.....	26.42
Native worker, India.....	30.00
Home missions	15.90
Missionary debt	730.88
Lucy Hartman	175.70
N. B. Ghormley	336.00
Mrs. N. B. Ghormley.....	68.00
Rose Cooper	81.55
F. Grace Allen's bungalow....	10.00
Edwaleni building fund.....	768.33
Thanksgiving offering for Edwaleni school	23.37
Special offering for Edwaleni school	10.00
Desks for Edwaleni school...	119.86

SUSQUEHANNA—\$1,793.76

Foreign	\$ 591.39
India orphans	55.00
Scholarships	77.75
Native worker, Japan	182.80
Native worker, India.....	61.17
Louise Calkins	64.70
Melvin Casberg	24.00
Minnie Hessler	258.81
Lucy Tittlemore	47.56
Eva Whiffen	31.15
Nellie Whiffen	250.00
Home missions	16.41
San Domingo	25.00
San Domingo home.....	5.00
David Cooper	25.00
Babies in Yeotmal.....	11.71
Juniors	66.06
Delegates' expenses .....	.25

TEXAS—\$297.63

Foreign	\$ 248.35
India orphans	25.60
Boys' school, Yeotmal.....	12.00
Famine	11.68

WABASH—\$714.84

Foreign	\$ 590.68
Missionary debt	124.16

WASHINGTON—\$2,605.99

Foreign	\$1,272.29
India orphans	120.30
Scholarships	85.00
Native worker, India.....	62.25
Native worker, Africa.....	204.00
San Domingo home	158.25
Missionary debt	211.45
Jessie Casberg	30.00
Seattle Seminary, India	30.00
Laura Appleton	75.00
Home missions	37.36
M. J. Peterson	107.50
A. A. Miller.....	6.70
School, Darwah, India.....	5.00
Baby in India	12.33
Yeotmal church	5.00
Laura E. Millican	50.00
Juniors	131.71
Delegates' expenses	1.85

WESTERN CANADA—\$479.02

Foreign	\$ 397.01
Scholarships	4.25
Missionary debt	10.00
Home missions	41.05
Juniors	26.71

WEST IOWA—\$301.26

Foreign	\$ 292.28
Home missions	8.98

WEST ONTARIO—\$1,121.63

Foreign	\$ 832.49
India orphans	3.00
Scholarships	15.00
Home missions	14.05
Missionary debt	8.25
E. F. Ward	6.00
John Kessel	25.00
San Domingo	70.50
Juniors	144.39
Delegates' expenses	2.95

WEST KANSAS—\$653.52

Foreign	\$ 500.75
Scholarships	37.57

WEST KANSAS—Continued

Native worker in Africa.....	60.00
Missionary debt	1.75
N. B. Ghormley's school.....	1.00
Famine	5.00
Home missions	1.96
San Domingo	29.69
Juniors	13.54
Delegates' expenses	2.26

WISCONSIN—\$659.57

Foreign	\$ 589.34
Native worker, Africa.....	6.80
Missionary debt	6.76
Home Missions	7.25
Juniors	48.82
Delegates' expenses .....	.60
Sale of calendars for year....	56.31

TOTAL RECEIPTS—\$47,043.57

Foreign missions	\$28,499.73
India orphans	636.09
Scholarships	1,310.40
Native workers, Africa	854.32
Native workers, Japan	619.80
Native workers, India	337.73
Missionary debt	1,840.00
Juniors	1,995.23
Delegates' expenses	27.51
Miscellaneous	10,306.05
Home missions, April 1, 1912, to October 1, 1912.....	434.79
Famine	78.12

Total	\$46,939.77
Home missions from October 1, 1911, to April 1, 1912, not included in above	103.80
Total	\$47,043.57

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid to general treasurer	\$45,052.51
Contingent fund	1,424.96
Home missions	538.59
Delegates' expenses	27.51
Total	\$47,043.57

LILLIAN CAMP JENSEN, Treasurer.

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ADDENDA AND ERRATA

CALIFORNIA.—Earnest Kirkendall, in the roll of local preachers, should have been Ernest L. Kuykendall.

EAST ONTARIO.—In list of appointments, Muskoka district, after Midland, read: "Barkway, Housey's Rapids and Cooper's Falls, to be supplied."

GENESEE.—Among the lists of conference claimants should appear the name of Ruth E. Bacon, \$150; and among the names of evangelists should appear the name of Lizzie M. Perkins. The name of Fay Phelps should not have appeared in the list of local preachers.

ILLINOIS.—In treasurer's report of Conference Claimants' Fund it should read: "Apportioned, \$413.10; paid, \$413.36; overpaid, 26 cents."

KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE.—In the list of appointments for the Nashville district, Gallatin should have been attached to the Nashville and Hermitage circuit.

MICHIGAN.—Explanation: The secretary states that the number of members of the Detroit class was changed from 110, as reported by G. H. Peters, to 100, by the request of the official board through W. C. Muffitt. In Coldwater district list of appointments read: "Coldwater, Bethel and Sturgis. William Rennie, Wesley Rennie, supply."

MINNESOTA AND NORTHERN IOWA.—The pastoral support for the Winnebago circuit should have read \$335.50, instead of \$385.50.

NEBRASKA.—Lynch and Blackbird circuit should have read Lynch and Redbird circuit.

NEW YORK.—The name of A. W. Myer should have appeared in the list of members of the stationing committee. The names of G. W. Kopp and H. G. Preston were omitted from the list of deacons, and the name of the latter from those received into full connection. The name of L. D. Wallace, North Chili, New York, should have appeared in the list of unordained local preachers. The whole amount of preachers' receipts should have been \$11,248.37. The quarterly conference relationship of A. G. Miller, conference evangelist, should have been placed on the Philadelphia district, instead of on the Wilkes-Barre district.

NORTH MICHIGAN.—The names of the members of the Ministers' Mutual Aid Society are: T. F. Huff, A. G. Hartle, G. W. Cappy, S. A. Whitmore, C. H. Bartlett, C. A. Gallup, L. H. Morrison, W. B. Huff, H. D. F. Gaffin.

OHIO.—The names of Mrs. Emily MacGarvey and Mrs. Elizabeth Lodwick, both of Youngstown, Ohio, should have appeared as Deaconesses, and the name of Mrs. Helen S. Bolton should have been added to the Board of Examiners. The chairmen of committees for next year are: On Reforms, John Timbers; on Publications, C. W. Smith; on Education, W. B. Olmstead; on Sunday-schools, F. Lincicome; on Memoirs, J. C. Sherburne.

PLATTE RIVER.—In the second statistical table it will be noticed that the figures for the Orleans and Cambridge districts are raised one line higher than the names of the circuits.

SUSQUEHANNA.—In the list of appointments of the Saratoga district the name of W. B. Roupe, Gloversville, New York, should have appeared.

WEST IOWA.—In the treasurer's report the amount raised by the W. F. M. S. should have been \$420.74. Under disciplinary question one, read W. D. Grosbeck instead of A. J. Grosbeck.

WEST KANSAS.—The address of W. E. Keasling, on the Macksville district, should have been Iuka, Kansas.

NOTE.—It is but fair to state that nearly all of the mistakes recorded above were made by those furnishing the manuscript.—OFFICE EDITOR.

